



calibre guns might not be able to afford the stringent ar-

will be legal, they will have to be held in gun clubs rather than homes and these gun clubs will have high security. The cost will be prohibitive for many shooters, who may regard their .22s as worthless

out of the way, the defaite was left to those in favour of the Government's partial ban and the Opposition's call for a

The MPs realised that if arms were committed with hey had pressed it to a vote, unlicensed firearms, on they had pressed it to a vote, would dave lost. They vnich the legis will hope their case is revived in the Lords, but in effect the bave no effect. The other main thrust of chance has gone to amend the bill significantly. Michael Howard, the Home the argument from the Tory rump was for increased compensation. Mr Howard Secretary, offered no concesrejected pleas to give compensions to the potential rebels beyond hints that he might be sation to gun shops and manufacturers that are forced out more flexible over compensaof business. Compensation will be paid for every gun held in shops, but not for loss tion for gun holders. He hinted strongly that he would extend compensation to in-clude holders of .22 calibre of business. Before the crucial vote on a partial or total ban, Labour said it would introduce a total guns. He was sympathetic to arguments from Tories who said that some holders of .22 | ban in government.

rangements that the change in the law will require. Although 22 cidibre

and will therefore ask for compensation. With the Tory rightwingers

MPs were debating line by line the Firearus (Amendment) Bill during its commit-tee stage. The bill is being rushed through and is expected to be on the statute book before Christmas. Earlier, one of the potential

rebels complained that the Government was legislating in haste. Nicholas Budgen, Conservative MP for Wolver hampton South-West, said: "We understand your feelings, we share your grief, but we do just wonder whether

Business delivers £4.4bn surplus

Larry Eißott Economics Editor

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HANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke was last night set to pull off a Budget hat-trick of lower taxes, reduced borrowing and higher spending on education and health after official figures showed Britain's booming companies pushing the state finances back into the black last month.

Taken aback by the Government's £4.4 billion surplus in October, some City analysis were last night predicting Mr Clarke would gamble on a 2p cut in the basic rate of tax as the launchpad for a fivemonth election campaign. However, the Chancellor

was eager to play down expec-tations, noting that the £4.4 billion repayment of debt in

24-hour C4

US shows

pledges less

Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

CHANNEL 4 yesterday an-nounced it would begin 24-hour broadcasting from Janu-

ary next year and reduce the number of American imports,

as it launched a fight-back

against criticism. Commercial rivals have

John Willis, director of pro-

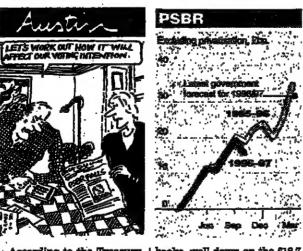
in the ratings battle.

£310 million next year.

October merely brought the Government's finances back on course to hit the borrowing forecast of the summer. Treasury sources stressed that the public sector borrowing requirement figures for last month had been flattered by special factors boosting corporation tax and VAT. The Chancellor is aware that a giveaway Budget would stoke consumer spending and increase pressure from the Bank of England for higher

base rates to combat inflation. Conservative strategists believe that any political benefit from tax cuts could be ne-gated by dearer mortgages. Even so, it was widely as-sumed in the markets last night that Mr Clarke's fourth

Budget would move towards a 20 per cent standard rate of



books, well down on the £18.7 According to the Treasury, government receipts stood at just over £28 billion, combillion in the first seven months of 1995/96. Some of just over \$28 billion, com-pared with spending of \$23.6 the improvement is due to billion in October. The sur-high as the debt repayment of \$1,2 billion in October 1995 -went some of the way to off-setting the deficit built up in the first six months of the 1998/97 financial year. In the nearty dott the form

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income tax, a reduction in 1996/97 financial year. Inext year's £23.4 billion bor-rowing forecast, and more cash for health and education. £11.4 billion to balance the discussion of the statement. "But October is normally a month in which tax revenues are strong, par-ticularly for business. What

Comedian Bob Monkhouse gets the jokes as 'priceless babies' returned

these figures confirm is that I | rate tax, they were up by 25 per cent on a year ago. Officials said this jump was am on course to hit my summer forecast for public borrowing." In the summer, Mr Clarke in part due to the strength of the economy, but pointed out that the performance of the forecast that the PSBR would be £26.9 billion in the current st that the PSBR would

corporate sector was mixed. Financial companies, which financial year, a modest imare outperforming manufacprovement on last year's £31.7 billion. However, David Wal-ton, economist at Goldman Sachs, said that if the recent turing, tend to pay corpora-tion tax in October, while industry tends to favour trend continued the PSBR January. They also added that the could turn out to be £23.6

billion. "These were excellent figures which give the Chanbuoyancy of Customs and Ex-cise receipts - up by 11 per cent this year on April-October 1995/96 — may have cellor much greater room for manoeuvre in next week's Budget than previously been influenced by a new tax collection system in which larger firms pay VAT only once a quarter. Spending by Government departments is up by 4 per

PHOTOMONTAGE: ROGER TOOTH

adam Cole, at City firm James Capel, warned that the surge in tax receipts was masking higher than planned cent this year, more than double the planned 1.8 per public spending, but agreed that the Chancellor now had more scope to compensate for the big tax-raising Budgets of cent increase for the year as a whole. Officials said the sell-1993 and 1994. "We would not rale out 2p off the basic rate on income tax." on income tax." Corporation Tax receipts this financial year are 21 per cent up on 1995/96, more than double the official forecast of total of £1.25 billion — would help because they were being

counted as negative public expenditure. Leader comment, page 8;

Notebook, page 11

University staff protest today

Over the last decade, university staff have created the equivalent of 50 new universities.

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THE KEY PROFESSION vg higher education for over 75 years

Last night they were safely in the hands of police after an operation at the London of-OR Bob Monkhouse, last night could not have been fices of his agents. A 47-year-old man was being questioned in connection with their better if he had scooped last week's rollover lottery jackpot himself. After 18 months of anguish and sleepless disappearance. In typical fashion, Mr. Monkhouse, 68, gushed: "To

sked reward for their return.

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nights, he was celebrating the return of his "priceless babies" — two maroon folders bables" — two marcon folders containing 25 years of mate-rial, which were stolen from a

as it lunched a light-tack that, which wats share that the a against criticism. Commercial rivals have accused Channel 4 of plunging in the ratings battle. BBC office in July last year. Disparagingly referred to as the veteran entertainer's joke books, the folders — each Disparagingly referred to joke books, the folders — each stuffed with 200 loose-leaf tained and they would grammes, said Channel 4's sheets of dialogue, sketches require an amount of money, budget would be increased by and ideas — were so precious Obviously I called the police grammes, said Channel 4's sheets of manogue, stetches require an amount of money. The news of the thert don of lans with fail budget would be increased by and ideas — were so precious Obviously I called the police prompted a spate of Monk-17 per cent from £265 million to for Monkhouse that he of-failo million next year.

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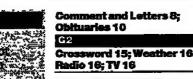
house, who presents National Lottery Live and a host of other television shows, knew of the operation was when he received a call from Mr Pritchard telling him the fold-Monkhouse, 68, gushed: "To say I am overjoyed would be ers had been returned. He told Sky News "My agent told me that my stolen ledgers were back in safe keeping. He just phoned me to say. Your understating my mind." His agent, Peter Pritchard, said he had handed over £10,000 in exchange for the babies have flown home. That which you inadvertently set free has returned. They must love you." While some hoped that the theft of his books would force him into retirement, he has since won over a new genera-. The news of the theft tion of fans with raunchy new prompted a spate of Monk-house gags from the comedi-house On the Spot "impro-

were returned to us, the Boardman joked: "When they money was passed over and the police made an arrest." The first that Mr Monk-But it was Jim Bowen who Gagging Last time I was in Spain I got through six Jeffrey induced most cringes. He said: "I used the book about a Archer novels. Well, it's year ago when Bob lent it me. It's so old it's written in Latin." impossible to get Andrex over there. Dad was a greengrocer. For

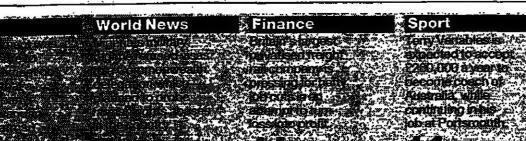
After starting his career at the first five years of my life I lived on unsold citrus fruit. If anyone squeezed me the age of 14 writing gags for the legendary stand-up Max Miller, Bob Monkhouse went on to become synonymous fruit. If anyone squeezed m I squirted them in the eye. with smarm.

My wife has no sense of direction. The other night she got so lost she had to phone for an AA man to come and help her — and this was between the bath-room and the bedroom. Well, that was her story.

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Sketch In defence of the right to be wrong



Simon Hoggart

HE Commons yesterday heard one of the finest speeches made there for months. But first, some cheap

and meaningless trivia. David Shaw (C. Dover) rose on a point of order to ask whether the Speaker could ban mysterious millionaires from coming into the House to dump envelopes of cash on the Leader of the Opposition's desk. This new piece of sleaze has startled many of us. We had assumed that the teenagers in Mr Blair's office were on work experience. Next, debates on the Fire-

arms Bill - the one which will arms But — the die which will ban most handguns — began with the "Money Resolution". This indicates that the Queen has agreed to fork out the Decessary wonga (not from her own personal stash, of course; she's saving that in case she can still hire Max Clifford as

her new press secretary). This normally goes through on the nod, but not yesterday. First we heard Sir Terence Higgins (C, Worthing). Many of us have pondered for years why this distinguished, balding, former Olympic athlete runs the Terence Higgins Trust, a high-profile Aids charity. I just cannot see him cruising Old Compton Street In leather trousers handing out free "Safe Play" condoms (A colleague scornfully informs me that the former minister is no relation to the late Aids victim, Terrence Higgins, after whom the trust is named. Sorry.)

Sir Terence wanted to know how much money would be spent and who would get it. And it does look like a bottom less pit. The bill will cover "any other loss which may be

incurred as a result of this Act". Then we moved on to the guillotine motion, the one which restricts debate. Jack Straw said Labour would support the guillotine, since it had promised to speed the bill on its way.

Next Nicholas Budgen (C, Wolverhampton SW) made the superb speech, one which I found more impressive be-cause I agree with banning handguns and Mr Budgen doesn't. It was one of those occasions when one man is in a small minority and yet forces the entire House to squirm inwardly with the knowledge that he is almost certainly right. He said this was a "bad and

even a disgraceful" motion. Guillotines were to prevent filibusters, or to stop an Opposition abusing the House's procedures. "But this is the worst sort, because it is an agreed guillotine, when the House gangs together as a lynch mob. to deprive a subtantial number of decent and

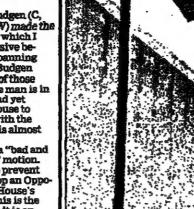
rights." In the same way that oppo-nents of capital punishment, such as himself, had to tell the parents of murder victims that the rope would not have saved their lost child, mem-bers had to find the courage to say to the Dunblane parents: "We understand your feeling: and we share your grief, but we wonder whether the solu-tion you put forward is going to have the effect which you hope for." However, MPs know "it would be difficult and unpleasant to disagree with the Dunblane parents, we say let's throw a bit of money at it". Mr Budgen lacks the lapi-

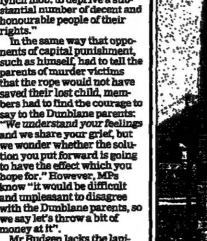
dary style of his predecessor, Enoch Powell, and sometimes he drifts into the querulous. Yet almost every word wounded. "The Opposition has abandoned its proper role of ensuring a full debate," he concluded, thundering: There is nothing more tyran nical than an agreed House of Commons."

Wherever you stand on guns, Mr Budgen is right.

Review

Mournful echoes of the Bunnies' man







UN secretary-general refuses to go quietly, whatever the cost

cult for everyone," said a Western diplomat. "He's a stubborn, obstinate individfark Tran in New York Boutros-Ghali, the secretary-general of the United

ual. He's a public servant, not a politician and he should accept the realities of life."

ment" later in the week. He

was expected to be at his desk

as usual today. Last week it emerged that

Mrs Monk had been detained

on November 1 at Heathrow

airport in possession of a pre-

publication copy of the unan-thorised biography, which the Duchess of York had tried

to ban. A second copy was found at her home. She was arrested on suspicion of theft

President Nasser. in Egypt's | mented reform under duress. state-run newspaper al- But second, and a more serious problem, is his unpopu hram. After the inevitable US veto the council was initially to consider only African candi-dates as it is still the conti-

larity on Capitol Hill. The task of getting funding from Congressional Republicans would be made impossible if he stayed on. The US diplomat said that The US issued a veiled warning to African countries to hurry up and produce a list

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was vital, says Yentob He added: "I know i shouldn't sound too gung-ho.] know that disaffection among

mies may have been too

dragged out -- and the nerves

of people worn too thin." But

amme-makers. "It has to be the lodestar in

making

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BBC change

BBC staff is still widespread. The process of making econo-LAN Yentob, the BBC's director of pro-grammes, last night attempted to end the crists of confidence in the cor-

there were more programme makers than ever and more poration's manager ent with programmes on the air. a powerful defence of director He praised the saving of 2500 million in five years, which have been put back general John Birt's changes. He said there had been n alternative if the BBC "wanted to have a prayer in into programmes, reducing summertime repeats by hus the 1990s" as it faced the twin dreds of hours. threats of a handbagging from Lady Thatcher and Rupert Murdoch's fistful of new Mr Yentob, who was con-troller of BBC1 until June's

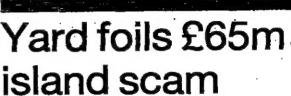
shake-up, is now creative leader of the world's largest television production depart-"We've had to change, not for the sake of change, but to survive — and we have got to ment BBC Production could build a critical mass of progo on changing." Mr Yentob told an audience of leading gram television executives. "I'm television executives. "I'm not going to pretend it was easy, or that the BEC instantly got it right." Delivering the first annual Bafts lecture in London, he sought to defuse last week's criticism in the Guardian from the Writers Guild of Greet Britain that the BBC's distinctive range of proour industry for programme making talent of all kinds For EBC programme-making --- not BBC politics, BBC sach inars, not even BBC schedul ing - programmemust remain the bedrock." Alan Yentob, page 6

distinctive range of pro grammes would be destroyed under Mr Birt's restructur ing. The warning coincided with a staff survey showing 96 per cent of union members unhappy with his man

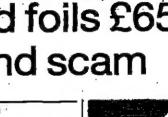
gement. Mr Yantob defanded the creation of separate broadcast and production directorates and urged critics to end the "The BBC doesn't have the

may sound strange in the light of a reorganisation which some have seen as the dismemberment of the BBC But in fact the BBC is being

Alan Yextob; 'We have got to go on changing' cleaved apart so that it can work better as one."









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Garth Cartwright

................................ The Lightning Seeds The Corn Exchange, Cambridge

AN BROUDIE is the invisihle man of British pop, a caterpillar who developed unwittingly into a chart butterfly when already in his middle 30s. Recording as the Lightning Seeds, the trade name for Broudie's self-con-tained efforts, the Liverpoolbased studio wizard has created a lush sound that borders Britpop and mainstream rock.

Initially noted as producer of Echo & The Bunnymen. Broudie devised the Lightning Seeds in the late 1980s. His songs, then as now, are often hummable but rarely memorable. Heavily indebted to the Beatles' flourishing melodic patterns, his music arguably owes more to their producer. George Martin, than ennon and McCartney's soul. Having composed consistently popular singles and albums, Broudie first went out with a band to tour his doubleplatinum selling 1994 album, Jollification. The consensus then was that he should stay in the studio but with the release last week of Dizzy Heights, into the album charts at No. 11, he is touring again.

If most Indie bands resemble students, the rarely photographed Lightning Seeds re-call bank clerks on a night out Broudie wanders on with his guitar, nods and takes his place centre stage looking be-mused. Launching into Ready Or Not, they are loud and crunchy, a world away from their studio-effect-saturated recordings. Their stoic front man possesses little in the way of enigmatic presence. Broudie said in a recent inerview he was "down more

than I'm up" and last night he played his sones with a weary worldliness. The hired Seeds earned their wages by playing efficiently. But the lack of a group dynamic emphasises the difference between bands

that claw their way out of the garage and those that are paid o play the hits. Broudie is an adroit crafts-

man, his alluring melodies Andrew Culf and mournful vocals suggestiledia Correspondenti ing more than the agreeably elight material delivers, If he was a more animated per-

AN Monk, the deputy editor of the Daily Express, is leav-ing the newspaper after an informer, possessed a sem-blance of Scouse wit or lyrical compassion, he might redeem quiry into a stolen blography these songs beyond bedsit-byof the Duchess of York. His wife, Anita Monk, was The Lightning Seeds are an

arrested two weeks ago alleg-edly trying to sell a copy of Fergie: Her Secret Life, by Al-lan Starkie. Serialisation effective live unit, and careful pacing of the set, with the hits spun out between the misses, saw the audience enjoying a rights for the book had been slick pop machine. acquired by the Daily Mail, which is in a flerce circula-This review appeared in tion war with the Express.

later editions yesterday.

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pull out of the running for a econd term in the world's top diplomatic job despite the de-termination of the United States to veto his candidacy. A messy succession battle was in prospect in a sched-uled secret vote of the Secu-rity Council, with 13 of the 15 abers declaring their support for Mr Boutros-Ghali. Britain alone was nontros-Ghali to declare without

ommittal When the council's position was reported to Mr Boutros Ghali, he informed it of his intention to proceed with his roal of a second term.

would how out gracefully ity of the job going elsewhere. The US spin on the veto was that it had been forced into after the American move, but his spokesmen said he inconfrontation by those tended to remain a candidate even if that jeopardised ancountries that had refused to other African's chances of discuss the secretary-general winning the post. Even prom-inent Egyptians have urged issue until now in the mistaken belief that President Clinton would drop his oppotheir countryman to step sition to Mr Boutros-Ghali "As a friend, I advise Bouafter the US election.

nent's "turn".

"Those countries that refused to discuss the issue hesitation or sorrow that he over the last six months have done a disservice to the UN," does not want to renew his service as secretary-general for the United Nations aid an American diplomat. The US has justified its veto on two counts. First, Mr Bouwhether for a full term or half a term." wrote Mohammed "Boutros makes life diffi- Heikal, a confidant of the late | tros-Ghali has only imple-

£170,000 serialisation of the Starkie book. The Express

tions as a spoiler, claiming they had appeared in a US

carried many of its reve

Representatives, Newt Ging-rich, recently indicated a softening of Republican hostility to the UN, though not to Mr Boutros-Ghali. In a speech earlier this month at a fundraising event, Mr Gingrich said: "We must reform the UN, but then frankly, we're going to have to pay for the UN and that's frankly going

to be a challenge. We can't end up as a country totally isolated around the world because people don't understand our policies and don't understand what we're

The Speaker of the House of the use of huge IOUs worth a total of £65 million. Two people have been bailed to appear in court in London next month. Had the 10 IOUs been pre sented for payment, they would have ruined the Pacific island state of Van-

> sents nearly five times its annual overseas earnings. Fraud squad officers are thought to have intercepted the "promissory notes" in July, but a fax on Septem-

then deputy prime minis-ter, Barak Sope, requested the release of the IOUs and the people it had arrested. Mr Sope had, as finance

with others including the attorney-general.

to put the documents back on the market.

The two people arrested in London — a man aged 47 and a woman aged 41 --- are due in court on December 5.

Express deputy goes in inquest on Fergie biography affair Last night sources at the quiries. A report has been police and set up a "sting" Express said Mr Monk would sent to the Crown Prosecu-be leaving by "mutual agree-tion Service. The arrest came the day be-fore the Daily Mail began its

It is understood the Express is anxious to reach a civilised arrangement with Mr Monk, who joined the paper from the Mail at the beginning of the year. He had insisted to editor Richard Addis that he was unaware of his wife's actions. Mr Monk was not available

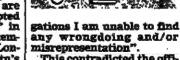
magazine. Mrs Monk's arrest came after the Sun newspaper, which had rejected the manufor comment last night. His departure is the latest shock i found at her home. She was arrested on suspicion of theft and handling stolen goods and bailed pending further in-publishers, who alerted the to hit the Express group, which shed 85 journalists and merged staff on the deily and Sunday titles in September.

minister, been a signatory to the IOUs in March, along then prime minister, Max-ime Korman. The government was persuaded to issue the guarantees by an

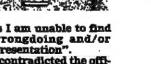
Australian financial consultant, Peter Swanson. who suggested they could be traded on the world market for vast returns. Mr Swanson is on bail in Van-

nath awaiting trial. Mr Sope told Scotland Yard the IOUs had been legally obtained and asked that the charges against the London pair be dropped. He said: "As a result of investi-

natu; £65 million repreber 30 to the squad's Lon-don HQ from Vanuatu's



This contradicted the official viewpoint in Vanuatu that the country had been the victim of fraud.



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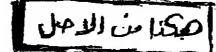
Scotland Yard is believed to have refused Mr Sope's request to release the IOUs

and documents relating to the case and is thought to have demanded a formal request from the island's Mr Sope was sacked by the prime minister. Serge

Vohor, on October 25 when the fax became public. Vanuata's ombudsman, Marie-Noëlle Ferrieux Patterson. ian, Marie has accused Mr Sope of hav-ing attempted, with his fax,

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Stampede for property pushes up prices

Homes shortage fuels panic buying

Sarah Ryle

ANIC-STRICKEN house hunters are pushing up prop-erty prices in their hurry to buy homes that are in short supply, hous-ing events cau tadar ing experts say today. The rush — reminiscent of

the 1980s stampede for prop-erty -- has been caused by a shortage of desirable homes as owners wait for prices to go even higher before putting their houses on the market. Concern that mortgage lenders will start to lift their

rates has fuelled the panic further, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. RICS' monthly housing suapshot shows that the mar-

ket in October was more buoyant than in September for the first time for 14 years. The increase in prices was the 14th monthly rise in a row, the longest unbroken upwards trend since RICS started the survey in 1978.

RICS, whose members include estate agents, immedi-ately tried to dampen down fears of a repeat of the 1980s runaway boom - which col-lapsed and left hundreds of thousands of households with negative equity. It urged buyers to bide their

time until a new wave of homes comes on to the market in the new year. The institution's housing

market spokesman, Ian Perry, said: "Many potential vendors are waiting for higher prices in 1997, while would be purchasers become increasingly frustrated by the lack of choice. There are

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reports of panic buying in some areas. This is due to a misplaced fear of missing out

and a property boom'." This fear led to an unusu-ally strong rise in prices last month. Pressure is especially strong in parts of London, the South east and the Midlande South-east and the Midlands and that is where panic buying is evident. Andrew Spittle, a Birming-

ham-based chartered sur-veyor, said media hype had prompted prospective buyers to hold back a planned move.

Mr Petry said that the "wait and see" attitude of potential sellers had pro-duced a bottleneck that would eventually ease. The market did not need boosting further by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, in the

Budget, he said. "An expected influx of properties starting in the new year will tend to temper price increases and restore a sense of proportion to the market," be said. "In the meantime, the best advice is: take the time to find the right property." RICS said mortgage lenders

such as the Halifax and Nationwide building societies had not helped the situation by raising the cost of loans after Mr Clarke increased base rates to 6 per cent three weeks ago,

The race to beat the deadline for attractive fixed-rate mortgage offers had fuelled an already buoyant level of

demand for property. Lenders were so desperate to encourage people to buy a year ago that they offered a range of incentives such as cashbacks, but the steady rise in house prices has taken

hem by surprise. Until recently, the Halifax was predicting an annual increase of 5 per cent this year but it increased this to 7 per cant two weeks ago. The survey shows that the

market is significantly more buoyant than it was a year igo; 44 per cent more chartered surveyors reported rises than reported no increase, compared with a negative balance of 15.8 per cent last year.

Although desirable prop-erty is gaining value and moving quickly in the North of England, general activity and price rises are strongest in London and the South east. Fiona Hall almost lost out when the chain ground to a halt to the point of exchange."



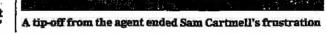
Peter Wyles may have to let the flat he has hid for back to the vendors until they can find a new property



Name: Fiona Hall Area: Brighton, West Sussex Price: £150,000-£240,000 How long looking: five months Properties seen: 15 History: "I found one in the local paper, but the lady said she had accepted an offer. I made an offer

good bet. I have children so I had to move before the start of term, but the chain came to a standstill. I waited 10 days and I thought I'd lost it. It's the sort a cash buyer would go for and they were about to put it back on the market. But I rang everybody in the chain and managed to get

agents nudge the price up by



Name: Peter Wyles Area: Kennington Oval, south London Price: £130,000 Looking for: twobedroom flat How long looking: six months How many properties seen: more than 30

How many offers: one History: "We started looking in north London but were offered places outside the areas we wanted to be in. When there was a flat in the right area they were dark and dingy or on busy main roads.

"We got disillusioned and started looking south of the river as well but it seems to be just as difficult.

"When we did find a place, four other buyers offered at least the asking price and we have just gone through sealed bids. "The vendors cannot find anywhere to buy and we've been told that we would have to wait until at least March to move or even be prepared to let the flat to them until they can get somewhere."

Name: Sam Cartmell Area: Camden and Islington, north London Price: £150,000 How long looking: 1 year Number of houses/flats seen: more than 50 Number of offers made: two

First unsuccessful offer: "There were six others going for the property. They were asking for sealed bids within a day. We wanted more time.' History: "Every time we saw something we liked it had already gone, for more than the asking price.

Successful offer: "We got a tip-off from the agent before the property went on their list.

and she decided I was a

'It looked spookily familiar. She suddenly realised she had seen the same house 18 months ago. The price had risen by £120,000'

Bidding wars and gazumping are back, says Clare Longrigg

HE WIND whips through this kind is so acute that pro-the open windows, blow-ing up plastic sheeting in for a preview. They are in d rattling the aluminium afraid that, if they wait until ider. Uneven, have floor-it goes on the market, some the open windows, blow-ing up plastic sheeting and rattling the aluminium

ladder. Uneven, bare floorboards are covered in broken tiles and bent nails. Four people pick their way over the rubble.

"It's my ideal home." "Yes, I can just see you in

here." This three-storey, twobedroom house in north Lon-don is not for sale — yet. It is in the process of being con-ately if necessary. But week verted and will not be ready for a couple of months. But the shortage of property of their books.

In desperation, she has started prowling round unfin-ished conversions to get her bid in before they go on the estate agents' books. one else will snap it up. "Tm registered with 11 es-A flurry of activity in one sector of the housing market,

tate agents but they keep say-ing they've got nothing for me to look at," says Cathy Lewis, all but dormant for years, has caused a pile-up. The Royal Institution of Chartered Sura senior executive who has sold her flat and is looking for veyors calls it a "property famine". Vast numbers of a two-bedroom house. She is the ideal buyer: solvent, em-ployed, she can move immedipeople are desperately look-ing for the same thing: mid-

And prices are going up. The bottleneck has forced rises from 7 per cenf to as much as 30 per cent, and the result is a return to 1980s-

style property obsession, bidding wars, and the dreaded One prospective buyer. looking round a house in north London, spotted a feature that looked spookily fam iliar. She suddenly realised she had seen the same house 18 months previously. In the intervening months the price had risen by £120,000. Buyers have been hit by the

return of gazumping.

calling the buyer and saying, 'We've just had an offer in of a nd more than yours'," The shortage of property means buyers are desperate. You can walk into an estate flats or houses and people starting families needed bigger places with gardens. agent and, instead of walking out with a bundle of details to study, you will simply be told there is nothing for you to look at.

ger places with gardens. Then, in 1990, it all came crashing down. Suddenly there were no first-time buy-ers. People were nervous of being left with something they could not sell and rented instead. Those who had Some agants do not bother to print house and flat lists at all. If anything comes in, they simply telephone the five or bought found themselves six buyers on their list and wait for the bids to come in. landed with negative equity and could not move. The Buyers outnumber avail-able properties and agents have started shoe-horning lower end of the market froze.

SIX years later, with in-terest rates at a new low, a thaw began prospective buyers in to have a look round. Alex Jamieson, creeping across the country. It started in London and the 29, a public relations worker, found himself caught up in a multiple marathon viewing of South-East but spread to four properties with seven other people. "We set off in four cars. We got ahead of them, because we wanted to get there first and have a look. There was the usual

South-West and the West Mid-lands, where prices are be-ginning to rise again. But the cycle has changed. I The indiscriminate buying g spree that caused so much mayhem in the 1980s is a mayhem in the 1980s is a mayhem in the ramped business with the wrong keys, and then the agent said, 'Two of you start in that Two of you start in that thing of the past the cramped James Wilcox, of Fulham, room, two of you start in that bedsits and broom cupboards room.' It was ridiculous, be-cause it wasn't a big flat." get on the property ladder are "We've got nine close com-

There are several reasons no longer attracting young | petitors on our doorstep: we hopefuls. "First-time buyers are returning but they're for the pile-up of prospective buyers. The market used to regulate itself in cycles: every looking much higher up the market than before," said Paul Sanderson of Nationfive years or so, first-time buyers moved up to larger wide Building Society. The kind of property they are looking for, of course, is

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just what everyone else wants. And whoever's got it is hanging on to it, in case the price should go up any fur-ther. "Second-time buyers are not putting their flats on the market: a lot of them still have negative equity and are waiting for the prices to rise." Mr Sanderson believes the

log-jam will eventually free itself up. According to the Na-tionwide, prices have risen nationally by 7-8 per cent in the last year, but are not expected to continue to rise at the current rate. Price rises will force first-time buyers

SCOTTISH WIDOWS

have to get an edge," says Charles Webb, owner of Camden Bus estate agents. "We send chocolates with our mailshot now, with a six-page letter listing 101 reasons why you should choose us."

Estate agents use For Sale and Sold boards to advertise their services, but Mr Webb does not believe all the boards are genuine sales. "I would say that 20 per cent of Sold signs are not related to any property at all. The agent puts up a sign outside a block of flats and everyone assumes it's someone else's."

Meanwhile, properties in the middle sector are moving so fast that the only ones in with a chance are cash buyers and people who can move very quickly. "Estate agents wouldn't even bother with me until I had sold my list and had a bag of gold in my pocket," says would be buyer Cathy Lewis.

A visit to several north London estate agents on a Sat-urday morning drew a blank. "It's dire out there," said one, handing over a thin flat list. There were three two-bedroom flats on the market at around £120,000. Every one of them had already gone.



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4 BRITAIN



unty fair with Jimmy Frost and her killer Stephen Webber, right, who was jailed for life yesterday after be

Life for farmworker in fatal attraction

Geoffrey Gibbs on obsession with stable girl that led to murder by 'lonely man who found relationships difficult'

OBSESSED farm | rible killing shows there must worker who bludgeoned a stable girl to death with an iron hook because he couldn't bear to see her with another man was jailed for life yesterday after being convicted of nsurder Stephen Webber, described

in court as a lonely man who found relationships with Dartmoor. women difficult, showed no emotion as the jury at Exeter crown court gave its unani-mous verdict after 2½ hours' a dog. The Frosts and their Grand deliberation.

Passing sentence at the end of the five-day trial, Mr Justice Rougier told Webber that however Jessie Hurlstone had treated him, it was no excuse or mitigation for a terrible act of revence.

"However a retiring a perstockbroker three miles from son you may have been nor-maily, the very fact of this ter-Buckfastleigh. Ms Hurlstone met Webber

be in you a capacity for quite horrible violence." Ms Hurlstone, who was 27 when she died under a hall of blows to the head and body in October last year, had moved to Devon from her home in Romford, Essex, in 1991 to work at the stables of leading national hunt trainer Richard Frost on the edge of and lived in a caravan at the stables with her four cats and National-winning son, Jimmy, found her a good worker at Hawson Stables, a

Hawson Stables, where Jessie Hurlstone was killed

couple of years after her arrival in Devon. She was to Webber, who began suffering from epileptic type fits during his late teens, found become the object of a fatal obsession after she started close relationships with seeing a divorcee in the two women difficult. When an af-

broke up he had to be taken to | she had another man. On the hospital to have his stomach pumped out after being found with an empty bottle of pills

beside him. Webber formed a strong attachment for the stable girl 10 years his junior, running around after her "like a puppy dog" and showering her with presents including a pony, jewellery and a pedigree cat.

It emerged in court he had even made out a will leaving his bungalow to her upon his death. Apart from one occasion

when they went to bed at his bungalow half a mile from the stables it was not, according to Webber's evidence, a sexual relationship.

He told the court that he and Ms Hurlstone realised that going to bed was a mis-take. But she cut him dead in front of friends when he visited Hawson Stables, and his infatuation turned to obsession when she started seeing Buckfastleigh divorcee Jim Pearce. On two occasions he told Jimmy Frost and another visitor to the stables that he

night of her death, she had gone with Mr Pearce to the White Har Buckfastleigh. Hart pub In

He said she seemed nervous and during the evening drew his attention to a man who walked past the pub several times. It was the same person he had seen outside his home earlier that week when Ms Huristone had come to his house where they had had

sex. She returned to Hawson Stables at around 11 pm that Friday and made the unusual request for Richard Frost to walk her to her caravan, where her body was discovered eight hours later by a an-

other stable girl. She suffered at least 30 blows to her head, arms and

shoulders. The iron hook -- used for loading silage bales on to a tractor — was recovered from a farm slurry pit. Webber's blood-stained clothing was found dumped in a hedge. Webber, who admitted killing Ms Hurlstone but said he had no memory of striking her, told police he had gone to the kill Ms Hurlstone

site with two new directors, John Donnelly and his father Trevor, based in the Rue du NE of the men who Moulin, Sark. has allegedly acted No tax is paid on Sark, and it is extremely difficult to trace the details of a compafor the British arms company that supplied £3.3 million worth of arms to former Rwandan Hutu soldiers during the mas-sacre of 800,000 Tutsis disap-

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The Donnellys' telephone number on the island is ex-directory, and they were not available for comment last peared from his London home night.

The company was then trans-

ferred to another off-shore

yesterday. Anoop Vidyarthi told shop-There is nothing to suggest that Mil-Tec has done any-thing illegal by its arms deal. Mil-Tec made seven shipkeepers next to his office at a travel company in Hendon that he was "going away for a ments between April 17 and July 13, 1991, using a circu-itous route from either Alba-Mr Vidyarthi was named as someone who had set up ad-ministration facilities for the nia or Israel to Goma in east-Mil-Tec Corporation. Dozens

of Mil-Tec documents detailing the arms shipments. addressed to the Rwandan Ministry of Defence, were found in the last few days near a former refugee camp 18 miles east of Goma. While ministers last night were pressed for a govern-ment statement, and the

shadow foreign secretary, Robin Cook, was claiming the shipments exposed a loophole in the law, the hunt was on for the men behind the com-

pany which supplied the The documents, details of weapons. There is no evidence to show that Mr Vidyarthi was involved in these arms deals. His detached home is 300 yards from his offices at the firm of Travelour. He was seen early yesterday morning but left for a trip soon after. There was no better luck contacting the Mil-Tec Corporation. A company search on the Isle of Man shows it was set up as a shell company in February 1993 by BDO Binder in Douglas, the Isle of Man. The named director then was of need. John David Clarke, but he documents are said to

the same signature. resigned four months later.



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Sarah Boseley	and made a full member of the royal household. He and
EOFFREY Crawford,	his wife and three children live in St James's Palace.
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was yesterday appointed

press secretary to the Queen. Mr Crawford, aged 46, will

replace Charles Anson, who

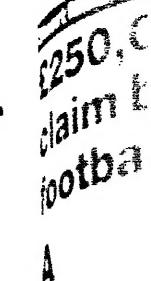
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Charles Anson's star was thought to be setting in 1992

after his off-the-record com-

ment that the Duchess of

York was "unsuitable for



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ern Zaire, just across the border from Rwanda. On June 21 — 19 days before the final shipment - the British government Issued an order prohibiting any involvement by UK firms in the supply of arms from a third

country to Rwanda. Customs said it would in vestigate any evidence that British export controls had been breached, but it had "not found evidence in the past to substantiate offences in the UK",

which were published in the Times and on the BBC yesterday, include a letter asking the exiled Rwandan govern-ment's "minister of defence" to pay debts totalling \$1.96 million (£1.18 million) and de-tails arms shipments, invoices and air bills. It reads: "We have supplied your min-istry for more than five years ... you will realise that we have gone out of our way to assist your ministry in times The letter and all the other

PS staff demoralised by red tape, poll shows in book prize shortlist

She was devoted to horses

secluded property set in the heavily wooded grounds of a

mansion built by a Victorian

Bainbridge vs Swift again cess of Wales's employ after the recorded a Panorama in-terview without telling him, terview without telling him,



Transport union leader takes issue with Isle of Man chiefs over poll

David Ward covers the election campaign on an island without problems, or so its ministers

are claiming

SSUES" What issues? As the Isle of Man's 53,000 voters prepare to go to the polls on Thursday, the chief minister considers what he has been hearing on the doorwith itself.

sleps. "I have never experienced an election such as this where people have raised so few issues," he says in his tidy office on the third floor of **Government Buildings in**

Douglas. Miles Walker is retiring after 10 years in the top job, but hopes to stay on as one of the 24 members of the House of Keys, the lower house of Tynwald, the world's oldest parliament.

He has steered the island

but of contentment. "Housing money." Douglas is awash is pretty good, salaries are slowly increasing, anyone tor, says Mr Gelling, brings in tor, says Mr Gelling, brings in 36 per cent of the island's inwho wants a job can have one," he says proudly. come, but employs only 20 per cent of its people. Across the island in Peel shops seem to be closing as Two floors down, Donald Gelling, finance minister and Mr Walker's favoured succes sor, agrees. The fact that this fast as they are in Britain. time there are just 51 canditime there are just 51 cannot dates for 24 seats compared with 80 in the 1991 election with 80 in the 1991 election the rent. They cannot afford to rent. They cannot afford to take advantage of the govern-ment's cheap homes or mortserve a deeply conservative Island's values, way of life and economic stability.

gage deals. Voters at crowded public meetings in rural Andreas keep talking for 90 minutes, and for almost three hours in suburban Onchan, which, al-Both ministers imply that the consensus which underpins a parliamentary system with no political parties has spread to an electorate at ease though close to Douglas, seems more obsessed with the parish pump, bobbies on the

Across the road, Bernard parish p Moffatt, district secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, hits the roof. Both beat and teenagers on the Both meetings chew over "Miles Walker is so calm and law and order, drugs, the high complacent, Donald Gelling is so pompous: I worry that scheme called Iris, the incintheir complacency will back-fire on the island." erator, the new hospital, but The absence of issues was a the first question at Andreas is about independence, the

sign of weary resignation, not final severing of this Crown content. "We have a two-tier dependency's links with the dependency's links with the society that did not exist before. Working people are treated deplorably here, and the idea because they are na-

He has steered the island through a change to a more executive siyle of government and feels he has done a pretty good job. The absence of issues is not a sign of apathy soclety that's awash with in the treat declarge the has done a pretty solid body of people out there issues is not a sign of apathy issues is not a sign of apathy



Seaside hustings: Election fever reaches Port Erin on the west coast.

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omy. "I don't think we are again. "They are political take the final step to constitutionally or economically strong enought to seek independence," says the chief independence," says the chief independence, says the chief independence independence, says the chief independence independence." Mr Moffatt dismisses the Al-independence, says the chief independence independence. "Mr Moffatt dismisses the Al-iternative Policy Group, a co-independence, says the chief independence."

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PHOTOGRAPH; DON MCPHEE

Formby (leaning on a lamp post). An Isle of Man manufac-

turer supplies 70 per cent of the world's demand for electric kettle thermostats.

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Island facts

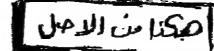
I Tynwald consists of the louse of Keys and the Legislative Council, a nonelected revising chamber. All 24 seats in the Hous of Keys are contested on the third Thursday in November every five years. a week; in more recent times voting was spread over two days because of a shortage of ballot boxes. Some Manx constituencies, called sheadings, return three members to the House of Keys. Others return one or two. Most MHKs (members of the House of Keys) sit as independents. There is no government and opposition.

Party is more than 100 years old but has no links with its British

counterpart. tax is 15 per cent, rising to 20 per cent.

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🗆 Douglas boast a Marks & Spencer store and statues of Norman Wisdom (sitting on bench) and George



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Stuart Millar on a soccer injury's consequences

£250,000 claim by footballer

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FORMER Stockport | the game and I miss it | County footballer lost everything when his dream career was ended by a "reckless" tackle, the High Court heard

Brian McCord, aged 28, is suing Swansea City and its then club captain, John Corn-forth, for damages approach-ing £250,000 for pain and injury and loss of income.

The court heard the mid-field player was left with "horrific" injuries to his right leg after the tackle 20 minutes into a match on March 5, 1993, as he prepared to clear a ball from his own could are The leg mark from goal area. The leg was frac-tured in two places. The

tackle was not irreated as a foul by the referee. Mr McCord told Mr Justice Kennedy the ball had been on the ground and he had

entered into the challenge as-suming it would be a simple block tackle when two players arrive at the same time: "My sole intention was to play the ball ... I never took my eye off the ball. I saw Mr Cornforth approach me, and as I made contact with the ball his leg was raised above the ball, and the next thing I knew I looked down and saw a grossly deformed right leg." He added: "I can't really de-

scribe the pain. I have never been through anything like it

He had wanted to be a pro-fessional footballer ever since he could remember, but since the incident had been unable to return to the game. "My career meant everything to me. It was the only thing I have ever wanted to do. I don't think there has been a took part in a pitch invasion day when I don't think about after a penalty shoot-out.



Brian McCord is stretchered off after the 1993 incident at Swamee, which led to the current hearing Photograph way kee

video of the incident which Precedents for tackling your opponent in court

Set legal precedent in

compound fracture.

Sued Neil Simpson of

for undisclosed sum.

Sued Gary Blissett of

John Uzzell (Torquay)

for £20.000.

three years.

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Paul Elliott: lost his claim for damages

Jim Brown (Dunfermline) him with a fractured cheekbone and eye socket Scotland in 1982 when he and forced him to retire. sued John Pelosi of St Verdict: Blissett found not Johnstone after suffering guilty of causing GBH. Later settled out of court. Verdict: Settled out of court Paul Elliott (Chelsea) Sued Dean Saunders of lan Durrant (Rangers) Liverpool for damages in excess of £1 million after Aberdeen for £2 million for being forced out of game by tackle which tore ligaments challenge in 1992. in his right knee in 1988, Verdict: Lost his case forcing him out of game for John O'Neill (Norwich)

Verdict: Settled out of court Wimbledon, for £300,000 damages for negligence and assault arising out of challenge in 1987.

Brentford for damages after Verdict: Settled out of court aerial collision in 1991 left for £70,000 in 1994.

Sued John Fashanu, then of

tion cabinet colleagues. The case was listed for five weeks at the High Court. But a juror fell ill, and the their verdict last Thursday.

BRITAIN 5

News in brief

RUC foils suspected IRA bomb attack

POLICE in Londonderry said yesterday they believed they Folices in Londonderry said yesterday they believed they folled an IRA bomb attack planned for the Springtown-Groarty Road area north west of the city, a mile from the border with Donegal. RUC inspector Norman Hamill said detonating equip-ment was found after "suspicious activity" in the area at the weekend. He said it had "all the hallmarks of a landmine

attack". The most likely target would have been a police or army patrol, Mr Hamill said. Two men were arrested early yesterday and were being questioned in connection with terrorist activity in the area. The find came a few hours after the SDLP leader and MP for Foyle, John Hume, said he hoped there would be another IRA ceasefire but that he had no evidence that one was imminant ______Druck Shortnek mminent. - David Sharrock

Patients 'hate' mixed wards

A FORMER health official responsible for defending the use of A FORMER health official responsible for defending the use of mixed-sex hospital wards yesterday admitted that patients hated them. John Shaw, until this year director of corporate affairs for the NHS executive, said the Department of Health was starting to buckle under mounting pressure to phase out mixed-sex wards. He was speaking at the relaunch of the Patients' Association, a health pressure group, which is calling for all ordinary hospital wards to be single sex by the end of October 1998. The only exception would be intensive therapy units. — David Brindle

Viscount Weymouth

A REPORT supplied by the Press Association and published in the Guardian on November 15 under the headline "Grief blamed by viscount for drink driving" wrongly stated that in court Viscount Weymouth was "said to be unemployed and living on 545 per week benefit". The court was not told that he was unemployed or claiming benefit but that he has a private income and was not working. Th

benefit but that he has a private income and was not working. The Press Association and the Guardian apologise for this error.

£77,446 for discrimination

A PROTESTANT was awarded record compensation of 277,446 yesterday after an employment tribunal ruled he was a victim of religious and political discrimination. The complainant, whose name was withheld, had been a senior executive with 25 years' service with the dairy manufacturer Leckpatrick when it was taken over by Golden Vale - based in Cork in the Irish Republic - in July 1993.

His application for another post was not acknowledged, and he saw other Protestant managers removed. Shortly before Northern Ireland's Fair Employment Tribunal was to hear his case, the company admitted he had suffered religious and political discrimination. - David Sharmek

Call for openness on CJD

THE brother of a man who died from CJD --- the human disease linked to mad cow disease — yesterday joined doctors and public health officials in condemning secrecy surrounding the Government's handling of the controversy. Gerard Callaghan, whose 30-year-old brother Maurice died in Belfast last year, called on ministers to publish the advice they received from the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (Seac). "This advice has formed the basis for policy deliberations. We

should be able to see the conclusions that the committee drew, and the evidence on which these were based," he told a conference, BSE: A Sickness of Government? sponsored by Charter 88 and the Freedom of Information Campaign. - Richard Norton-Taylor

Landscape to be restored

PART of an English millionaire's fortune is to be ploughed into restoring a Highland landscape immortalised by the Victorian artist Sir Edwin Landseer. The Will Woodlands cons

ess aide Queen

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Peter Hetherington ision to investigate security as a local MP called for an

ORTHUMBRIA police yesterday launched an inquiry to determine how hundreds of its files de-Some of the files contained details of the investigation into the murder the Northum-Maxwell who disappeared from her home in Cornhill-on-Tweed 14 years tailing information about suspects and witnesses in scores of crimes during the 1980s were found dumped on a lane

witness statements relating to many investigations.

of witnesses could end up lying by the road like this." The man, who, found the Newcastle North MP Doug Henderson, a shadow Home Office minister, said that

Luke Harding

N THE neo-Gothic splen-Idour of Court 13, Mr Jus-tice French professed him-self rather baffled. "It is a situation which in my experience is entirely new."

by the Sunday Times, and

four days after the jurors

Six weeks after a jury was sworn in to decide

mother of another was struck down with gallstones. Proceedings were delayed for another two days. The remaining jurors were sent out to consider

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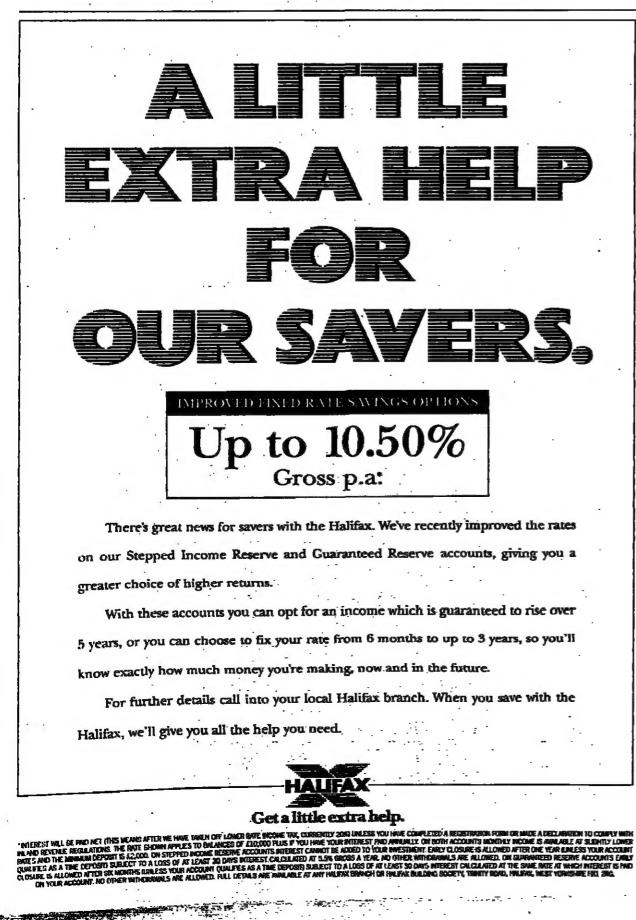
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John Uzzell: won an out of court settlement

Jurors' request for dictionary leaves libel judge lost for words

in Newcastle upon Tyne. David Mellish, acting chief Black was eventually jailed cords. "If a criminal decided danger. whether the former Irish prime minister Albert Reynolds had been libelled them tell the difference be-

Confidential police files dumped



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were sent out to consider their verdict, the foreman returned with a request for a dictionary. The demand was the latest twist in the court battle hit by "the curse of Court 13." Albert Reynolds sued est twist in the court battle hit by "the curse of Court 13." Albert Reynolds sued the paper over an article in November 1994 which accused him of lying to the Dail, the Irish parliament, and misleading his coali-The Reverend **Keith Phillips** has a problem. As the chairman of the 90 magistrates who serve the valleys of South Wales, he struggles to support the rule of law among communities ravaged by the death of the coal industry. Time after time he is forced to stand back while alleged offenders walk free from his court

trust yesterday unveiled a plan to return a quarter of its 42,000 acres to the romantic woodland that thrilled 19th century art

The trust was established in 1994 by the Essex-based widow of a tween a "no" and a "ne". Mr Justice French refused their request. "The meaning of the words are a matter for you. Both words are contained in the article sand and gravel pit owner who sold up in 1990 for £114 million. The project will take 100 years to complete. — Erlend Clouston

Second award for journalist

DAVID Brindle of the Guardian was Journalist of the Year runner up in the first British Social Services media awards announced yesterday.

His reports in the Guardian were described as balanced, con-cise, clear and hard-hitting. This was his second award this year having already won the Mind Mental Health Journalist of the Year.



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Berlin is broke. From the shipyards of the Baltic coast to the industrial wastelands of the south-east, eastern German growth is lagging. Alienation festers between the 'interlopers and carpetbaggers' of the west and the 'whingers' in the east. Seven years after the Wall fell, the euphoria which greeted Helmut Kohl's pan-German script has evaporated — and harsh economic reality is biting

In the second of a series on Germany, lan Traynor in Bonn examines how the high hopes of unification foundered



The optimism so evident in unification celebrations in 1990 (left) has soured for many east Germans, with one in four facing unemployment evolopment evolopment and work when the source of the source

One people divided by a false dawn



YOUNG east German steps on to the balcony of her flat by the banks of the Rhine and

peers across the river to the high-rise temple of German democracy. She bows mockingly towards the offices of the country's 572 MPs and intones: "Thank you, Helmut Kohl."

She was once an avid nist, a party youth its economic growth will be From the rusting shipyards the government.

activist, in Cottbus in the | lower than western levels for | of the Baltic coast to the ineast She has successfully made the move west and has a the first time next year. modest flat in Bonn, a decent salary and a job with a media | economy on a self-sustaining

Smay at last be turning against the raciat

National Front have been confirmed in municipal

movement 13 years ago. Jean-Marie Le Pen's

Company. East Germans see them-serves as losers in the lottery Goldman Sachs in Frankfurt. They've been used mainly to fund consumption and to kickof unification; she is one of the few winners. For most of the other 17 mil-

lion in the five east German states, the euphoria of the turn of the decade which filled the skies over Berlin and Leipzig with cries of "We are one people, one country" has evaporated. What was being billed a few on the West through the cold

years ago as the east German success story has turned sour. Seven years after the Berlin Wall fell — and after a colos-but with alienation between sal 1,000 billion marks have its eastern and western sec-been pumped into the east — tions all-pervasive.

dustrial wastelands of the south-east, the picture is "The transfers have not been able to put the east German grim. And people are gloomy. Franz Schuster, economics minister of the eastern state growth path," says Thomas Mayer, chief economist at of Thuringia, verges on panic as he describes the crises and problems piling on his desk. "The economic recovery has stopped here," he says. "We're stuck in a downward start the construction sector, which is now failing."

spiral that means 25 per cent ERLIN itself is of our firms could be threatbroke. Stripped of the subsidies that ened with closure over the next year. And you have to ask: how long will people con-tinue to accept the need for renewal and reform?" kept it going as the

Real, as opposed to official unemployment means that one in four east Germans will be out of work next year, accord-ing to last week's report by a panel of economic advisers to between east and west," says

This is not the way things were supposed to be. The pan-German script penned by Chancellor Kohl in 1990 infamously looked forward to "flourishing landscapes" in east Germany within five

years, suggesting that a few years of hard graft would seamlessly knit the two parts of the country together. The subsidies and investment would trigger an east German boom which in turn would feed into west German growth. Instead, politicians

ind analysts now admit it will take at least a generation - perhaps 70 years - for standards of living to become

of a widening discrepancy between east and west," says Wolfgang Thierse, deputy For their part, east Ger-

chairman of the opposition mans hate being patronised Social Democrats, and him- by the westerners, whom they view as interlopers and car-petbaggers who have hijacked their country and culture. self an east German

This is not just the opposi-tion berating Mr Kohl. The chancellor's conservative supporters at the influential Frankfurter Allgemeine Zei-tung talked witheringly this Politically and diplomatically, German unification was an undiluted triumph for Mr Kohl. He secured George Bush's unstinting support, paid off Mikhail Gorbachev, month of Germany's economic unification being the brushed off Margaret Thatcher's hostility and François Mitterrand's resemost expensive disaster since the war".

vations, and ignored Polish CANWHILE. and Dutch objections. But however formidable his west Germans increasingly talents as a politician, Mr resent paying a 7.5 per cent tax Kohl's strong suit is not ecosurcharge to fund the east, nomics. His one-to-one fusion of the two German currencies and view easterners as whingers and subsidy junkin 1990, over the heads of Bundesbank opposition, was ies. The tax is called the "solla political imperative and a huge economic liability. Six years on, the result is

that eastern Germany is probably the most expensive man-ufacturing venue in the world, lagging well behind its post-communist Pollah and Czech neighbours in growth and optimism. "West German unit ishour

costs already top the league table of industrialised countries and in the east the unit labour costs are 30-50 points higher because of the productivity gap." says Mr Mayer, "That means nobody invests in the east to make profits, but to get subsidies." On her Bonn balcony, the former eastern communist looks west as she takes in her view of the Bundestag, She has no plans to go back to Cottbus any-time soon.

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Tactical voting contains National Front

Paul Webster

reports from Paris on how Le Pen was prevented from taking Dreux

•Xielii **Continuing crisis** in Central Africa

The return of refugees from Zaire is one of the greatest movements of people the world has ever seen. Oxfam is providing water for the hundreds of thousands on the road home. An uncertain future awaits them.

Worse news is that hundreds of thousands of Zaireans and Rwandans are still unaccounted for in Zaire. They are without clean water and at risk from disease. Cholera has already claimed lives.

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GIGNS THAT the tide | party has made Dreux, a | market town west of Paris, twinned with Evesham, the Maurice Ravenne, who scored 24.6 per cent, will stand down for next Sunspearhead of its racist cru-sade since its former depday's second round after running third to his Gaullelections at Dreux, the uty leader, Jean-Pierre town that signalled the Stirbois, won 16 per cent of ist rival, Gerard Hamel (34.7 per cent), the outgoing mayor forced to resign earfirst electoral break the vote in 1983 council through by the extremist elections. He formed an allier this year for technical reasons. Mr Ravenne has liance with the Gaullist **RPR** to oust the Socialists asked Socialists and Comand was appointed assismunists to vote for Mr Ha-mel in the run-off after a tant mayo

In 1981, the National Front's average vote in par-liamentary elections was only 0.35 per cent but the Socialist president, Fran-cols Mitterrand, ordered 'Dreux will not become France's state television to give Mr Le Pen air time as part of a fourth town strategy to weaken the tra-ditional right. The presi-dent then introduced PR of shame' for parliamentary voting enabling the Front to win promise to consult the left

35 seats, all but one of which it lost when the when making decisions. "For the past ten years, the National Front has pro-Gaullists changed voting

the National Front has pro-gressed and now we have finally contained their ad-vance." Mr Hamel said, pointing out that Mrs Stir-bois, who had expected a 50 per cent poll, had rallied only an extra 80 voters Califists changed voting rules in 1988. Although Mr Stirbois's widow, Marie-France Stir-bois, the Front's only MP between 1988 and 1993, scored a record 86.4 per cent of Sunday's first round vote at Drenz, after a cam-paign in which Mr Le Pen played a leading part, Gaullists and Socialists only an extra at votars compared to her 1994 score. "Dreux will not become France's fourth town of shame," he said, referring to the National Front's vic-tories in Toulon, Orange also saw a big leap in

The Socialist candidate, | and Marignane in the 1994 municipal polling. The National Front was

hoping to recover from a recent setback in a parlia-mentary byelection in the Marseilles suburb of Gardanne, where a Communist was elected after support from rightwing candidates defeated in the first round. This showed a new readiness by orthodox move-ments to call for votes across party lines for any candidate in a position to beat the Front.

But the movement's fail-ure at Dreux, where the Front has exploited hostil-ity to immigrants since the early 1980s, has left the party with an electoral di-lemma oven in areas where lemma even in areas where Mr Le Pen's message has an appeal

Dreux, a town of \$6,000 with an immigrant population of about 20 per cent, was one of the first municipalities hit by crude slo gans alleging that immi-grants were responsible for unemployment, drugs and crime. However, even though the local economy

Police past of judge who banned rappers

HE Toulon judge who National Front stronghold, senior army officers, an er-banned a rap group for that has banned perfor- Marseilles prison governor Marsellles prison governor and a retired senior tax ininsulting the police has mances by Nique Ta Mère, a group from the immigrant been identified as a former spector in handing out eccenmember of the special branch, writes Paul Webster. suburbs of Paris which tric sentences. One fellow judge, who de-clined to be named, said Mr

openly attacks the racist Judge Claude Boulanger movement and its allies. Before he was made a judge started a national row when in 1986, Mr Boulanger, aged 45, was a member of the Ren-seignements Généraux, the he sent the singers Rool Shen and Joey Starr of Nique Ta Mère (Fuck Your Mother) to special branch whose tasks include keeping watch on im-migrant communities. He was jail and banned them from singing for six months. Human rights groups, enter-tainers and leftwing politi-cians will march in protest on Saturday, although the sing-ers are still free and can be evented to win an anneal sent first to Montreull in the Pas-de-Calais where other udges complained of his intolerance. He personally expected to win an appeal. The Gaullist justice minister, brought charges against tenants of flats near the Palais de Jacques Toubon, said the sen-tence of six months jail, with Justice who hung washing on their balconies, and he chased motorists in his car for althree months suspended, was leged traffic offences. too severe.

But Mr Boulanger's action has brought to light a strange judiciary team at Toulon, a lon, where he joined former

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has stagnated under Gaull-ist management, nearly two-thirds of voters rejected Mrs Stirbols, the most popular member of Mr Le Fen's movement.

were seen as a call to arms.

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Euphoria in streets as Romania 'breaks free'

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Nick Thorpe in Bucharest

TENS of thousands of mostly young people streamed into the centre of Bucharest early yesterday morning to celebrate the victory of opposition candidate Emil Constantinescu in Romania's presidential elections. Chanting "Emil", "Vic-

tory" and anti-communist slo-gans from the revolution seven years ago, University Square became a sea of emotion on a scale not seen since. "This means change, a major change for Romania, especially for young people," said Camelia, a student. Asked what she wanted from the new president, she replied

simply "justice". Opponents of the outgoing president, ion liescu, accuse president, ion lliesca, accuse him of sweeping the crimes of the communist years — and of those who killed more than

at mose who killed more than 1,000 people during the revo-lution — under a carpet of pro-Western slogans. "We are very happy," said another student, Lilians. "This is the first time since the compution that we have a

the revolution that we have a free government." The scenes were repeated in towns across the country.

Flag-waving crowds flocked to squares where martyrs of the revolution had fallen, and ern provinces. car home trumpeted deep into the night.

rest, was born in the city of Tighina, in what is now the Republic of Moldova. He grew up in a poor district of the Carpathian mountains, famous for its armed resistance to the communists after the second world war.

During the final televised debate with Mr Illescu last week, Mr Constantinescu, who presented himself as "a simple, church-going Chris-tian", recited a prayer instead of summing up his appeal.

Such gestures have belned establish him as a man of the people, in contrast to the wooden, dull language of for-

success. President Chirac of France and Chancellor Kohl of Germany sent their con-gratulations long before offi-cial results were announced.

Such west European sup-port will be crucial to Roma-Bureau put Mr Constanti-nescu comfortably ahead with nia if the new president — and the recently elected gov-ernment led by his Demo-55 per cent to Mr Illescu's 45

per cent. Traditionally popular in the capital and in mountaincratic Convention party - is to fulfil its election promises. These include: faster priva-tisation; stabilising the Romanian currency, the lei; combating the corruption which plagued the last years of Mr lliescu's rule; and helping Romania to catch up with its

ar norms trumpeted deep Mr Constantinescu, a 56 In his victory speech, he with 60 percent of the votes at the University of Bucha- reforms ahead.



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lan Black Diplomatic Editor

Boulanger specialised in handing out humiliating sen-tences to traumatise the BRALTAR is demand-Ging a veto over any de-cisions made in the accused. "No one asked him to ban the singers," the col-league said. "He has never forgotten that he was a police-man. He should never have been allowed to judge a case deadlocked Anglo-Spanish talks on the future of the colony, its chief minister said vesterday.

in which the rappers were accused of verbal outrage Peter Caranna, who is more conciliatory than his predeagainst the police." The sentence has sent the group's record sales scering essor, Joe Bossano, has told the Foreign Secretary, Mal-colm Rifkind, that Gibraltar now wants equal status in and their case has been comany British negotiating team. "It means a veto. I don't pared to the persecution of entertainers such as Georges Brassens, Serge Gainsbourg and Boris Vian, whose songs

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men with balaclavas and blackened faces is anathema to us," he said.

He also strongly rejects Spanish allegations that the Rock has become a centre for offshore money-laundering. Mr Carauna's interest in Mr Carauna's interest in reviving the Brussels process may hold out the prospect of improved relations with Ma-drid. But he is not about to fold up the flag and solve one of the world's houserturning

of the world's longest-running territorial disputes. We think it is inconceiv-

able that Spain should de-mand our sovereignty as the trade-off for having decent civilised relations," Mr Car-

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two," he said. Talks broke | tilla of speedboats driven by down in London in September | men with balaclavas and

after Spain refused to accept the British formula of "two flags, three voices" because it implied an active role for Gibraltar.

yearly talks between minis-ters that began in 1984.

advertising a Gibraltar which has cleaned up its act by stop-

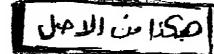
Mr Caranua said he was now hoping Britain would agree to formalise a Gibraltarian role in the Brussels process, the inconclusive

Mr Caraunua is in London

ping the tobacco smuggling that developed after Britain's

ous Transylvania, he was helped to victory by a remark-able swing in his favour in rural regions, heavily collectivised under communism, and among Orthodox Christians in the conservative eastformer Warsaw bloc allies. Mr Constantinescu, a 56-





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Agencies in Bern

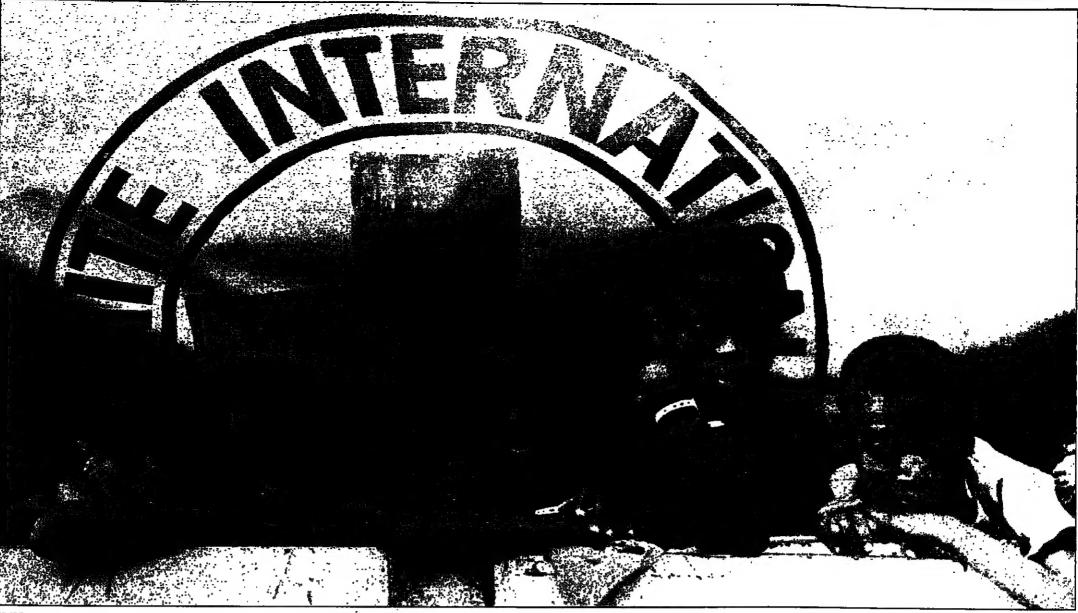
WITZERLAND has furned down a request from Zaire's president, Mobutu Sese Seko, now in France, to return for a medi-cal check-up, the foreign ministry said yesterday. "From the point of view of

the Swiss foreign ministry, with the departure of Mr Mo-butu, the medical reason for a new visa does not exist any-more," said spokesman Hans Reudi Bortis.

Mr Mobutu, aged 66, under-Mr Moburu, aged 66, under-went more than two months of treatment for prostate can-cer in Lausanne. He left Swit-zerland on November 4 for the French Riviera, where he has a villa. Swiss officials said Mr Mobutu applied for a new visa to return to Switzer-land on Friday. land on Friday. Swiss authorities extended

Mr Mobutu's visa three times so that he could continue treatment as an outpatient in the Lausanne University Hos-pital while he lived in one of switzerland's most luxurious hotels. The Swiss government came under increasing criti-cism for allowing him to stay. Diplomats have said he went to France because he would have fewer restrictions

and could take control of the situation in Zaire. His absence from Zaire has raised fears that his vast country may disintegrate.



Children separated from their parents in the exodus of refugees from Zaire look out from a Red Cross truck taking them to the city of Byumba. The Red Cross knows of 3,000 such

Nigeria refuses Commonwealth visas News in brief

an Black <u>ې</u> **Diplomatic Editor**

> GERIA'S military regime has again cocked a snook at the Commonwealth. refusing visas to some members of a top-level delegation investigating human rights abuses after the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa.

Britain's overseas aid minister, Lynda Chalker, joined the delegation of ministers and officials yesterday on a three-day fact-finding mis-Group (CMAG).

But the Canadian secretary of state for Latin America and

Africa, Christine Stewart, decided not to go after Nigeria refused visas to two security. officers with her delegation. The Canadian government has long been unhappy with what it calls the "appeasenulled 1993 presidential elec-tions, and the former presidant Olusegun Obasanjo. Lady Chalker was making independent arrangements through the British High

ment" of Nigeria, and may have exploited the visa situadissidents. tion to distance itself from the from the Commonwealth at last year's Auckland summit

sion, which the Nigerians Diplomats said it was still fellow minority Ogoni activ-have done everything to unclear whether Nigeria ists were banged, despite nu-sabotage. would allow ministers access merous appeals for clemency. to jailed opposition figures such as Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner of the an-Limited sanctions imposed by the Commonwealth, the Euro pean Union and the United States have had little effect.

"The Nigerians are pretty firm that all they want to talk about is what they consider Nigeria's illegal and quite un-justified suspension from the Commonwealth," said one official "They want the sus Commission to meet official. "They want the sus-pension lifted before any Nigeria was suspended after Mr Saro-Wiwa and eight

been widely criticised for its posed the sanctions, was un-toothless approach, but its happy at being obliged to toe need to make decisions by the line. consensus has been paralysing in the face of sympathy for Nigeria from fellow Afri-

can members. The mission's chairman is the Zimbabwean foreign minister, Stan

The Commonwealth decided in September not to im-pose a set of agreed sanctions on Nigeria and instead to keep the dialogue going by sending the mission. But it meaningful dialogue on de mocracy can be discussed." The Commonwealth has which had unilaterally im-

Nigerian opposition groups and their supporters in Britain want the mission to insist on a tough line. "We call on the CMAG to demand, as a condition for their visit, the immediate and unconditional release of all political de-tainees in Nigeria," said the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights. "Unless this is done, we will have no option other than to accuse them of complicity with the Nigerian

Trial jeopardises Bonn's ties with Iran

RELATIONS between Iran and Germany, the Western country most friendly towards the Islamic republic, are on a knife-edge as the verdicts are awaited in a Berlin terror trial.

An Iranian, alleged to be an assassin working for the govern-ment, and four Lebanese face murder charges in connection

with the killing of three Kurds in 1992. If they are found guilty, it would be the first time a German court effectively delivered a verdict of "state terrorism" against Iran. - Ian Traynor, Bonn.

Candidacy rumours scotched

TOKYO SEXWALE, the premier of the Gauteng region of South Africa, yesterday scotched rumours that he would rum for the country's presidency in 1999. There has been widespread speculation over who might chal-

Sacred mountain Anger at Mugabe's wanderlust

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Jonathan Watts reports from Tokyo

Micome so polluted by the hordes of people who ascend its slopes each summer that this symbol of Japan is in danger of becom-ing a source of national

From a distance the moun-tain, 12,388ft high and sculpted by centuries of volca-nic activity into an almost perfectly symmetrical shape, is as serene as ever. Close up, the slopes are cluttered with mountain will be spoiled," said a spokesman for the Yalitter and fouled by human waste. The problem has be-come so bad that the authori-ties are thinking of restrict-ing entry or levying charges said a spokesman for the Ya-manashi prefecture govern-ment, which with neighbour-ing Shizuoka has set up a working group to consider ways to protect Mt Fuji's environment. Tsuneo Shigehiro, a Japaon climbers.

For hundreds of years Mt Fuji was worshipped as a sacred mountain. During the sacrea mountain. During the Edo period (1600-1867) pil-grims had to undergo mental and physical purification be-fore embarking on the long climb to the peak. Now most of the \$00,000 meanle who trek in the sum-neagle who trek in the sum-

people who trek to the sum-mit during the two-month summer climbing season do so for the panoramic view, people who tree to the sum-mit during the two-month summer climbing season do so for the panoramic view, which includes Tokyo's ur-ban sprawl. At sumrise the rim of the caldera of the dor-mant volcano is full of couban sprawl. At summer the been pointed. Nowadys, rim of the caldera of the dor-mant volcano is full of cou-ples holding hands and tour lists snapping away. ists snapping away.



CIA 'mole' faces charges of spying for Russians

Martin Walker In Washington

HE Central Intelligence Agency acknowledged the discovery of a second Russian mole in its ranks yesterday, when a senior officer in its training division was brought before a court in Virginia on charges of conspiracy to com-

mit espionage. Arrested on Saturday at Arrested on Saturday at Dulles airport Harold Nichol-son, aged 45, was not believed to be fleeing arrest. He had been re-assigned to the antiterrorist civision, in an at-tempt to keep him away from sensitive agent information and his foraign trip was be-lieved to be in this context. terrorist division, in an at-

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needs clean-up

On the summit stands a canned drinks vending Tourists have spoilt machine. Mt Fuji for pilgrims,

nese climber, proposed

Each week climbers leave behind 330lb of litter. Worse, every morning before dawn, the contents of tollets situated at numerous resting stations are flushed directly on to the mountainside.

A tarmac road means faced unprecedented anger on climbers can get halfway up by car. On the lower slopes plants and trees are being ruined by car exhausts, while in the lakes around Mt Fuji his return from a week-long visit to Rome, where he attended last week's United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation summit. He and the water quality has deterio-rated because the sewerage his 31-year-old wife had also been Christmas shopping in system is unable to cope with London.

Zimbabwe's economy is the vast numbers of tourists. "People are now more aware of the danger that if we leave things as they are, the

sluggish, unemployment is at last minute to commandeer 50 per cent and urban poverty | planes from the national |

is rising, but the government | airline. Since his lavish wed- | hallmark of this govern-Andrew Mekirum in Harare continues to maintain a prof-ligate budget deficit of more ding in August, to which than 10 per cent of GDP.

IMBABWE'S president, Robert Mugabe, returned from a trip to "Mugabe and [Zaire's presi-dent] Mobutu are the only Europe yesterday to be con-fronted by a barrage of criti-cism about taking expensive overseas tours while his African presidents enjoying themselves in Europe while their countries are crumbling," said a Zimbabwean political scientist, John Makumbe. "It is reckless and country grapples with a stag-nant economy and scaring arrogant. Mugabe and his government have become unaccountable." poverty. The Zimbabwean leader

When the radio announces that Air Zimbabwe flights

have been abruptly cancelled, Zimbabweans know that Mr Mugabe is off on another of his frequent trips abroad. This year scores of flights

have been disrupted because the president waits until the

ment's virtual one-party dic-tatorship," the independent Financial Gazette newspaper 20,000 guests were invited, Mr Mugabe, aged 72, has visited Cape Town, Maseru, Ham-burg, Vienna, Geneva, Accra, When Mr Mugabe was quoted by the fawning state press as saying in his Rome hotel suite that he did not Ouagadougou, Luanda, Kingston and Yaoundé. Many people are fed up. Last week Air Zimbabwe an-

know what the hospital strike gineers refused to carry out a service on the jet that would take Mr Mugabe to Rome and London. Thirty-five engineers - now in its fourth week was all about, the public was exasperated Nurses and doctors are

striking because they have not yet received pay rises promised them in September. were suspended While he was in Rome, Zim-babweans endured a strike by state nurses and doctors Zimbabweans are also angered by apparent top-level corruption. And there is the prolonged trial of the opposi-tion leader, Ndabaningi which forced hundreds of desperately ill people to wait for emergency medical attention. Some died.

Sithole, on what legal experts say is filmsy evidence that he plotted to assassinate Presi-dent Mugabe. "Not only was the visit badly timed, it showed the growing and unacceptable arrogance that has become the

Cartel leaders are in jail but there is no stopping the cocaine train

Mary Matheson in Bogotá

N JUNE last year Gilberto Rodrígnez sat in shackles in Bogotá's police headquarters. Offi-cers were showered with confetti and streamers, and reflection of how that soul has been polluted. Nowadays, the Colomhian authorities hailed the end of the Cali drug cartel. Since then, six remain-

ing drug barons have been jailed, cartel bank accounts frozen, and front compa-nies closed. But, according to American authorities, the flow of cocaine to the

United States has not been stemmed. "Around 80 per cent of cocaine entering the United States is processed and transported from Colom-bia," said the US ambassa-

dor to Colombia, Myles Fre-chette. It is also the source of about 60 per cent of the

heroin sold in America. But Colombian police maintain that the Cali cartel is dead, and that most of the drug trade has spilled over to Brazil, Peru, Vene-zuela and Ecuador. Only small-time traffickers continue exporting from Co-

ments," said Colonel Benja-mén Nuñez, head of the Cali unclear is the amount of anti-drug task force. "When the Cali cartel ex-still have over the business "When the Call cartel ex-isted, we didn't seize one from behind bars. Of La Picota prison where Gilberto Rodriguez and his

brother, Miguel, are held. Recently authorities man-aged to tap three phone conversations between Miguel in La Picota and Helmer Herrera, another drug lord, before he surrendered in September. They talked about who was behind an assassination attempt on Miguel's son, William. The coded discussion showed how easy it is for the cartel leaders to talk to whomever they want. Observers say the jailed

dential meetings with law-yers are permitted six days week, prisoners are allowed conjugal visits from partners who could carry messages, and pack-ages sent outside by in-Last month Ecuadorean mates are not searched.

police — working with Co-lombian and US authorities Family members can also help. William Rodriguez - seized 6.3 tonnes of cocaine headed for Mexico. has been indicted in Miami Colombian police believe the shipment could have befor drug trafficking. "We also believe that since the arrest of his father he has longed to Victor Patino, had several people killed for their role in informing on him," said Mr Frechette. fifth in the cartel hierarchy and presently in prison. American officials say

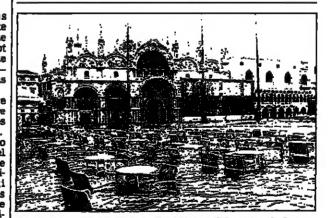
lax security could allow jailed barons to continue A low-ranking cartel member said William was managing the business. "They can communicate by public telephone and it's in charge of bribing politi-cians and officials but took difficult for us to try to inno part in trafficking. Colombian police cannot prove otherwise. tercept or control their con-versations." said Colonel Hector Escamilla, director

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The only certainty now is that cocaine is still reach-ing the streets of the US.

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e Thado Mideki for the position in the days since N Mandela told leaders of the African National Congress that the deputy president was not his automatic heir apparent. Mr Sexwale said he wanted to put an end to the rumours. "For the year 1999 I am not available for the position of president or deputy president," he said. "I say so not as a favour to anyone but for [the ANC] and its unity." - Ruaridh Nicoll, Johannesburg.



Customers are nowhere to be seen at this open-air bar as floodwaters lap through St Mark's Square yesterday morning after Venice was hit by heavy rain and winds

North Korean grain shortage

NORTH KOREA expects a shortfall of 2 million tons of grain next year — equal to 40 per cent of the country's needs and signifi-cantly worse than expected, the Red Cross said yesterday.

Only a few months ago, aid workers had estimated the food shortage would be 1.5 million tons.

"Their shortages are serious . . . they have not been able to meet the daily food ration." said Ole Gronning of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in North

Korea's capital, Pyongyang. "This is bad news, really bad news, in a country that already doesn't have much now," Mr Gronning said. He said farmers whose crops had been wiped out by devastating floods in July had eaten about 400,000 tons of grain before it came

to maturity. - Reuter, Beijing.

Mars probe splashes down

THE MARS '96 probe which failed on launch at the weekend crashed harmiessly into the Pacific Ocean yesterday. The Russian probe, part of an international effort to look for signs of water — and therefore possible life — on Mars, carried instruments designed by British scientists.

There were fears that the six-ton spacecraft and its nuclear burden could crash near Canberra, Australia: in fact, the debris splashed down between Easter Island and Chile at 1.34am. The mission was not insured, the Russians confirmed yester

day. A spokesman said Russian law dictated that insurance must be paid for out of profits, and the Russian Space Agency did not have any. "We've put seven years work into this," said the mission director, Nikolai Ivanov, "I cannot begin to describe how tt feels." — Tim Radford, Science Editor.

Paris may ease wealth tax

THE FRENCH government is considering easing a special tax on the wealthy so that rich people do not flee the country, the minister of urban affairs and integration, Eric Raoult, said.

"We would not want the hen that lays a golden egg to leave ... allowing capital to escape, little by little, out of the country," Mr Raoult said. He acknowledged that the so-called "solidarity tax on great wealth" was popular but said he believed the right balance could be found to keep the public satisfied while encouraging the wealthy to remain on French soil. Parliament is in the midst of

weighing the 1997 state budget. The president, Jacques Chirac, said earlier this year that the tax should be eased. — Reuter, Paris.

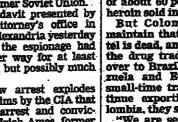
A specialist in training CIA penetration agents for Russia and eastern Europe, Mr Nich-olson was in a position to expose CIA networks throughout the former Soviet Union. The affidavit presented by the US attorney's office in

court in Alexandria yesterday said that the espionage had been under way for at least two years, but possibly much longer. The new arrest explodes

earlier claims by the CIA that with the arrest and convic-tion of Aldrich Ames, former head of its counter espionage office in Washington, the CIA

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lombia, they say. "We are seizing the ma-jority of cocaine ship-

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Colombian troops guard a field of poppies in the Huila region during the crackdown on the drug trade last year

kilo of their cocaine hecause a whole organisation existed ... and they bought evervone.

Colombian police, working with intelligence ser-vices from other countries, have intercepted even more shipments this year. "But what we don't know is how much more is being pro-duced," said Mr Frechette. The task force has target-

ed lower-ranking members of the cartel believed to have taken over some of the routes owned by their

bosses can maintain con-trol of the business. Confi-

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A surplus isn't a tax cut

Mr Clarke must bank the cash not give it away

YESTERDAY'S welcome news of an surplus as tax fodder to win an election. unexpectedly large surplus of £4.4 billion in the Treasury's accounts in October will undoubtedly change the politics, if not the economics, of next week's Budget. It will make whatever the Chancellor decides to "give away" in tax cuts seem much more affordable - and therefore politically justified than hitherto. After all, if the Treasury is about £3 billion richer than it expected to be at this stage of the business cycle, who could possibly complain if some of it is given back to the electorate? If only life was so simple. The fact is that October's surplus - equivalent to £200 for every working person - is only a mild correction in the trend of the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (the gap between the Government's income and expenditure) that has been defying government forecasts for years. In the November 1994 Budget, the PSBR was forecast to fall to £13 billion (1.75 per cent of gross domestic product) this year, then to 0.75 per cent of GDP next year prior to all borrowing being eliminated by 1998. In the event, last year's Budget had to raise the PSBR of that in one go — a 4p reduction in forecast for this year from \pounds 13 billion to next Tuesday's Budget to take effect \$22.5 billion (later revised to £27 billion from April - they would have blown all in last summer's forecasts).

October is generally in surplus because it is one of the big months for corporation tax payments. The main reason why it was unexpectedly high this year was much higher dividend payments and higher advance corpora-tion tax payments by companies in the financial sector. The current indications are that industrial and commercial companies (whose main payment month is January) haven't done so well. Either way, the effect of the October surplus is to make it more likely that there will be an undershoot, rather than an overshoot, on this year's exceptionally large forecast deficit of £27 all, it may not be this chancellor who billion. It is not an excuse to use the has to clear up the mess.

If privatisation receipts and the transactions of public corporations are extracted to make the figures more-orless compatible with the EU criteria for entering monetary union (requiring budget deficits to be brought down to 3 per cent of GDP), then it is a different story: the likely outcome at the end of this financial year for the UK is a Maastricht-busting 4.5 per cent of GDP. Even if the UK decides not to join Europe's plans for a single currency, any government, Labour or Conservative, would deem it prudent to bring borrowing down as a proportion of the whole economy during times of economic expansion - to allow debt to expand during recessions when tax revenues drop and social security payments rise. The idea that one month's windfall justifies permanent tax cuts is as silly as it is imprudent.

It is also, curiously, illogical. The Conservatives are already firmly com-mitted to reducing the basic rate of tax from the current level of 24p in the £ to 20p. If they were to announce the whole

their bribes since people could pocket the 4p and then vote Labour. It is actually in the Conservatives' interest to keep as large a chunk of the 4p as possible in reserve so people have a vested interest in voting Conservative. If logic was the determining factor in the Budget, there would be tax increases, not reductions, in order to reduce the Budget deficit and hose down the incipient spending boom. But that won't happen. In his heart of hearts, Kenneth Clarke knows all this. But that won't stop him announcing tax cuts, even though it is pouring oil onto the flames of consumer spending. After

Letters to the Editor

Agony of the Ecstasy

OM Hogkinson's article on Ecstasy (I say yes, you say no, November 18) raises important issues about campaigning. His argu-ment appears to be that because teenagers are not going to listen, why tell them not to take Ecstasy? Yet if they know the possible consequences, at least they can make an in-formed choice. And is it not right that those who have not yet taken drugs may be per-suaded not to start? There will always be some

thing that is supposedly more dangerous. Endless statistics "inform" me how unlikely it is that my plane will crash if I fly. So should we forget about improving safety and security measures for travellers? On the contrary, because of my brother's death in the Locker-ble air disaster I believe that the public has a right to be protected and to know all there is to know about the real risks of flying.

THANK you for your en-lightened article about Eo-stasy. I went through a long thousands of youngsters who period of depression in 1994, and, at the beginning of the and, at the beginning of the new year, a friend gave me an E (not my first) which gave me the most enquisite happi-ness for several hours. That experience helped my mind to re-learn how it feels to be happy, and I can honestly say things have never been as bad since. I am also aware of the with it" downside '- a friend, who could not take the effects on

his nervous system, had a hard time after his one experience of E. Yet elsewhere in Europe, instead of getting hys-terical about drugs, clinical psychiatrisis have been using Ecstasy to treat depression.

I saw the Betts parents on TV shortly after Leah's death, and I was longing to tell Mr Betts that his understanding of Ecstasy "pushers" is com-pletely wrong. I have never, ever, known of a dealer going around clubs trying the push the staff. They're too worried Preventable catastrophe leaves in its wake an over-whelming desire not to see you might be Mr Plod.

thousands of youngsters who might have otherwise been at-tracted to the drug culture. Hodgkinson admits that he likes to "get off [his] head" himself; but this is no excuse for his myopically libertarian, and dangerously misleading, appeal to "let the people get on

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WAS astonished by Tom Hodgkinson's outrageous conclusion. "The authorities are never in control, they're always one stage behind," he writes. "The moods of the people are not dictated by

government." What libertarian witchcraft is this? Guardian leaders, New Labour, and Will Huiton, were finally beginning to convince me that wise policies from a wise state could make Britain into a kinder, gentier "stakeholder society" by reshaping our values. How can this hap-pen if the people cannot be in-

Why is the West only now intervening in Central Africa?

THE aid agencies are well "civilised nation" Mr Por-aware of the criticisms tillo claims, in April 1994 our that can be levelled against government would have used the efforts to reach displaced its troops and diplomatic its troops and diplomatic clout to halt the genocide and people and refugees in the present crisis in Eastern Zaire. But what Alex de Waal then ensure those respon-sible were brought to justice. It did neither. (No bloodless miracle, No-Failure to act then makes vember 15) should be attack both the moral legitimacy and practical purpose of its ing is the international community's abdication of its responsibilities in the region. current intervention tenuous in the extreme. Not one person has been successfully prosecuted for the deaths of up to 800,000 people. The aid agencies have consistently called for the in-ternational tribunal to be David Styan. Dept of International Relations, London School of Economics. Houghton Street, London WC2. strengthened. To ask un-THE decision to send troops to Zaire is a cynical exerarmed aid-workers to disarm genocidal killers is

macceptable. Sadly, western governments only seem to react when there is a crisis. If they had acted pre-emptively, as we have consistently asked them to do, this crisis could

have been avoided. Verena Jones. Policy Adviser, Christian Aid PO Box 100, London SEI 7RT.

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cise in neo-colonialism. When 800,000 Tutsis were massacred by Hutus — armed and abetted by the Zairean gov-ernment — the West did noth-ing. This happened in the mid-1970s, Now diamond-rich Zaima, & facing disingution Zaire is facing disintegration, and the CIA puppet, Mobuto, is in exile — so the West inB

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tervenes, euphemistically for "humanitarian" reasons,

Labour's double standards

The public should know who pays for what and to ask why

with the real world if it believes that it enough to say that his office fund is a has yet responded adequately to the allegations about the funding of Tony Blair's private office. To say this is not to ignore the substance of some of Labour's defences - notably that its funding system has been approved by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner, and the fact that Labour is willing to refer all such matters to the Nolan Committee providing that other parties do likewise. Nevertheless, to the dispassionate observer, Labour has been caught saying one thing and doing another. The party has pledged that it will publish the source of donations of £5,000 or more, but here it is doing the opposite, refusing to give details about donations to the Labour Leader's Office Fund, an account which is said to be worth anything up to £500,000 a year. We shouldn't mince words. That's double standards.

No one should deny either the problems inherent in the funding of modern political parties or the inadequacy of the existing system. We have great sympathy for the opposition parties' difficulties in matching the resources available to the Conservatives. That is why the whole matter ought to go to Nolan. But Nolan is not the end of the matter. Mr Blair is nothing if not a realist. He needs to accept, especially having chosen a policy of general openness, that the attempts to distance him from what appears like a subterfuge are unsatisfactory and damaging, inside down the same slope.

THE LABOUR Party is losing touch | and outside the party. It isn't good 'blind trust''. It must be visible to all. Ultimately, it all comes down to accountability. Mr Blair runs a bigger office than any of his predecessors and one with much greater power. Having centralised authority in this way, he cannot be surprised when people want to know who is paying for it, and to monitor what donors get in return. Similar concerns apply to the office funding of other senior shadow cabinet members, especially Gordon Brown. The fact that the Conservatives have at least as much to hide is no justification for Labour secrecy. The public and the party are entitled to know who pays for what - and then to ask them why.

A party which is obsessed with being trusted ought to be the first to recognise this. The fact that it appears not to is therefore alarming, especially in view of Labour's discreditable history in this area, which culminated in the Wilson resignation honours list "Old Labour", let us remember, was not just the overmighty trade union barons (at least they were elected after a fashion). It was also the patron of a system of rewards for unelected business tycoons (not least Sir James Goldsmith). "New Labour" will not deserve its name if it adopts a similar cosy system of its own for the leader's rich chums and opportunist admirers. The US Democrats are already beginning to be tarnished by such questions. Labour must not slip

Called to the Cash Bar

Barristers rail at the idea of earning only £500-a-day

THREE years ago, at the end of a child | in arms because fixed-rate proposals abuse case, the judge expressed deep have been proposed for civil and family horror. Not over the trauma suffered by the children, serious though that was, but the equally serious abuse of the legal system by barristers. There had been too many barristers (11) arguing for too long (six weeks) at an extortionate rate. The case cost £1 million in pared to current charges it is. But all legal bills. The judge described the cost as "a scandal ... it cannot be allowed to happen again." And it wasn't supposed to. There was a Bar Council internal review of fees. There were angry mutterings from the highest judges - the Lord Chief plus the Law Lords -- on the need to reduce fees and double (or quadruple) representation. And then? Three years on, graduated fees for of 2500 a day. Action is needed on crown court criminal cases will start, but not until next January and there are no prescribed rates for family advocacy except some minor cases lasting | counsel - was supposedly abolished. less than a day. But the Bar remains up | Double manning must stop.

cases on legal aid. The Lord Chancellor should be criticised, not for his proposals but the delay.

Only the Bar could believe a £5,500 brief fee and a flat £500-a-day for an 11 to 20-day hearing was "unfair". Comgravy trains come to a stop eventually. Even the Bar's. Our legal correspondent wrote yesterday of the anger of judges at current brief fees (up to £35,000) and daily claims of up to £2,000. The biggest victims of this system are children in need of legal protection. A capped legal-aid budget means many more could be helped with flat-rate fees another front. It is now 18 years since the two-counsel rule - under which QCs were always supported by "Junior

mitment to change come through personal experience of extreme circumstances, not

through statistics. I salute the Betts family in their cause. Pamela Dix. Disaster Action 7 Firwood Close, Voking, Surrey GU21 1UQ.

What's up, doc?

HE hysterical response of the three doctors (Letters, November 16) to Roy Lilley's excellent article (Doctoring the system. November 13) is typical of the medical profes-sion's attitude to criticism. Dr Perry writes that "his points are not even worth refuting": this is GP-speak for "he's dead right". Here are a few facts which the doctors' trade

union won't tell you: GPs do not have responsibility for their patients 24 hours a day. This has been delegated to deputising and out-of-hours services, at public expense:

• The average patient calls out their GP at night once years to 1994; every 27 years;

A gas leak **Bully beef** A TAYLOR'S letter (Novem-ber 16) gives as an exam-ple of British Gas incompe-HE governors and staff of Shene School do not accept the allegations made by Sebas tence the ludicrous reques for a postcode when reporting a gas leak in a field. As one of the operators who take gas emergency calls, I suggest that there are more grave problems in the gas industry. Why are the emergency call centres staffed mainly by tem-porary agency staff? Few permanent staff remain and no permanent posts are being created. No contracts are issued despite the fact that some agancy staff stay for over a year. Low wages and lack of security lead to a high turnover of staff. Lis Rumbold.

Chair of Governors, Training is cursory, and Shene School. Park Avenue, East Sheen, subsequent information and direction for manangement is London SW14 8RG. inconsistent. Staff work at VDUs and are constantly on the phone for periods of up to six and a half hours with no break. Our counterparts at British Gas Trading and British Gas Service indicate a similar lack of training. And of course: there is the complete ineptitude of the indus try in communicating with

the public. Nothing will change until the public and the shareholders wise up. Name and address supplied.

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views.

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fluenced by the powers that be? Should the people just be allowed to "get on with it" in TOM Hodgkinson suggests that the campaign against drugs launched by Leah Batts's parents was well-meanlabour markets? Such subversive individualism should not ing but naive. Yet, while argube allowed on your pages. ing that it may not have changed the minds of the Stephen Butler. 3 Malcolm Street, Cambridge CBI 1LL. drug-takers, he nevertheless

> MA DOCTOR

 Anachronistically, GPs GPs have 10 weeks' holiday have all the benefits of being a year. Their average workself-employed with none of the risks, such as job insecuing week is under no threat from European legislation; • The "falling recruitment rate" is a myth. Despite a rise rity or the need to find customers or cope with in "early" retirements, the number of GPs in England xampetition

Andrew Anderson. 179 Granton Road, Edinburgh EH5 3RQ. rose by 11.6 per cent in the 10

> The quiet man ON the day of your exclu-sive non-interview with the Duchess of York (November 16), your report (Jail release ruling blow for Howard) was also an exclusive it had no comment from Harry Fletcher, of the National Association of Probation Offi-

HM Prison Service Headquarters, Cleland House, Page Street, London SW1P 4LN.

WHAT an frony that a New Labour supremo (Letters, November 16) should accuse the Guardian of preferring media hype to hard politics. Should someone remind Robin Cook about pots and kettles? Ian Short. 10 Achilles Road, London NW6.

Wrongs don't make a right

VOUR letter-writers (Noattacks each year and system "right" of Chris Brand to use atic discrimination on a daily basis. Paedophiles would only the prestige of a university be encouraged if they thought post to expound racist views and assert that some paedo-philia is harmless. I doubt they had academic approval. Following, the Anti-Nazi League campaign, Edinburgh University has acted respon-ably and suspended Brand, thus recognising an importhey would support the "freedom of speech" that a mem ber of the neo-Nazi group, tant right - the right of eth-nic minorities and children to Combat 18, exercised when he phoned my 12-year old daughter to threaten her with rape be treated with decency and respect. This should be applauded. (Dr) J D Gluckstein. and death on account of my Jewish name and anti-racist

These writers ignore the Stevenson College, Bankhead Avenue, Impact academics can have. Bankhead Avenue, There are thousands of racist Edinburgh EH11 4DE.

DOUBTS over sending Brit-ish troops to Zaire have nothing to do with lack of 19 Warwick Road, Enfield. Middlesex public outrage or "compas sion fatigue" (Leader, Novem-ber 15). Rather, people now WE must be very suspi-cious of French involverealise that selective cant about civilising missions ment in this area. It has everything to do with sup-porting their ally Mobutu, from . politicians, crisis-manent by NGOs and mudone of the more corrupt and agement by NGOs and mud-died military interventions will neither tackle the undervicious dictators in this world, and very little to do lying causes of conflict, nor with humanitarian aid. durably alleviate the human M Cox. misery they produce. 10 The Garth If Britain really was the Oxford OX2 9HQ.

John Lloyd: a widow responds

HERE were no false asser- | the accused subjectively had tions in your article (A an intention to kill", and was therefore guilty of murder, which carried a mandatory testimony of terror, Novem-ber 2), as John Lloyd claims Letters, November 18). He did indeed turn state death sentence.

Nor did John send a perwitness against John Harris, my late husband. John's consonal message of forgiven to Lloyd from the condemned sion to manslaughter carcell. He instructed me to tell ried a sentence of life impris-onment, but he always denied the press after his execution that "he held no malice any intent to kill, saying that he had expected the station towards his former friends and colleagues who gave evi-dence against him when they police to clear the concourse on receiving his telephoned warning (which they made no appeared as state witnesses in this case." attempt to do). Lloyd did not merely give

John had asked me to contact Lloyd asking him to retract his evidence; John corroborative evidence but, as the judgment transcript died thinking that I had been states, he alleged, inter alla, that John said: "If a few lives unable to do so, for I could not bring myself to tell him that Lloyd had refused. Like all of were taken, this would be tac-tically advisable because it us, he took it for granted that once in safety, Lloyd would jump at the chance to make restitution for what he had nied this allegation by Lloyd". However, Lloyd's version was done under duress. Ann Wolfe.

accepted by the judge and in-cluded in his judgment, "that Nuerensdorf, Switzerland.

A Country Diary

would save so many lives in the future." John "stoutly de-

-----SOMERSET. When we lived in | structed dry-stone retaining cottage perched on a steep wall. Beyond the church, hillside near Hasingden, the garden, or "pen" in local ter-minology, was terraced to where the road bends sharply achieve something like the horizontal and retained by a high dry-stone wall. A deinge one night set the already wet soil moving and, in the morn-ing, there was a shapeless mass of sludge and stone where the wall had been. Repair looked to be out of the question. But our 30-year-old neighbour directed us to the stonewaller. He came up with his lad, and, with no fuss, remade the wall. I have remem-bered him in the past few weeks when I have passed through North Cheriton. It is a picturesque village with all the ingredients — a thatched cottage, village pump, a set of stocks, a manor with a magno-lia, and a manor farm. The level of the village street is, on one side, several feet below that of the fields and gardens

left, a great weight of soil has gradually pushed the wall outwards. Ugly gaps had ap-peared and piles of stone at the roadside. But the local stonewaller has been at work. and the result is a masterpiece. He has re-made 130 yards of wall. On the road side, the face of the wall is almost smooth. Each one of thousands of assorted stone fragments has been exactly set in place, as if fashioned by nature for just that particular space. Weeks of patient, deliberate, and supremely-skilful labour have changed heaps of dirt and rubble into a perfect whole. It is easy when admiring such things to look at life in south Somerset sentimentally. But there are effective antidotes; vandals have been attacking carnival floats, and thieves have broken into the village garage to steal MoT certificates.

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JOHN VALLINS

beside it, and there is a long, winding, and beautifully-con-

tian Sharp (School pays 530,000 to victim of bullying, November 16). Throughout the article you state as fact that which we would have vigorously contested in court The case was not "successful"

as you describe, but an out-of-court settlement took place.

costs of court action. The plaintiff agreed to a sum sub-stantially below the amount

Our insurance company took the decision to agree a settlement because of the escalating

he was originally demanding.

cers. Keep it up. Peter Quinn.

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Diary

Dan Glaister

AN MONK, one of the most loved men in what was Fleet Street, is to was Pleet Street, is to leave the Express. His abrupt departure from the post of deputy editor comes after a flasco involving the Duchess of York, an unau-thorised biography, a couple of Sun reporters and a wom-an in a Heathrow hotel. The woman was Mrs Monk, a sum of £4,000 had been mensum of £4,000 had been men-tioned, and police have used the word theft. Mr Monk was, of course, blameless. He told colleagues he was out on his mountain bike when his wife is supposed to have disappeared with the manuscript.

G Baldry, Minister of State at the naff-

Sounding Maff — Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food — is making an effort to Food — is making an effort to meet the people who toil in his chosen field of expertse. Next Monday, to pluck a day at random from the ministe-

rial diary, he will be in Crewe to meet members of the NFU, the Country Land-owners Association, the Ten-ant Farmers' Association and Women Farmers' Union, and Women Farmers' Union, representing farmers in Peter Kilfoyle's Liverpool Walton constituency. Let's see, now. The Diary has spent days scouring the agri-cultural heartlands of Wal-ton to little avail. The only

farm in the area is the City Farm, boasting two pigs, one sheep and sundry heps and cocks. Confusion over agri-cultural policy? Heavens, ДО.

BEFORE the Literary Review's bad-sex awards make their entrance next week - no puns, please, missus — there is still time to report on the Odlest Title of the Year competition, hosted by the Book-seller magazine. Past winners have included the plodding How To Avoid Huge Ships and the essential Versailles: The View From Sweden. This year's com-mended titles include the IIustrated History Of Excavators, and the not-unconnected Before And After: Best New Ideas For Improving The Quality of Dying And For Inexpensive Green, Family Organised Funerals. Ever wondered why the boss has a better thair than you? Planning For Parinership: The Relationship Between Chairs And Chief Executive: could hold the answers. The promise of a less high-

powered approach to office life is offered in Holding The Line: The Telephone In Old Order Mennonite And

A quiet time in bed together

Commentary

Hugo Young

ODAY an exercise in political originality takes another stride forward. It has not been widely noticed because it has not caused a row. Yet the fact that it has not caused a row constitutes a large part of its novelty and interest, a paradox with which journal-istic custom-and-practice Labour and the Liberal Demo-crats are sitting down for the second time in private con-clave to talk about collaborat-ing on the camiral project of the government Tony Blair expects to lead, and nobody is ing on the central project of the government Tony Blair expects to lead, and nobody is screaming blue murder.

If Labour politicians do not recognise constitutional reform as their central pro-ject, the big event this week-end should have enlightened them. After a Labour victory, much of the new Parliament would be about system and process, the changing of the rules. The single-currency referendum, if it ever hap-pens, will be but one example. Why is it necessary? Not

merely because EMU is a Labour MPs. It is benign tes-huge and contentious issue but because Parliament as presently constituted no longer enjoys universal es-teem as the sole fount of le-clans who take it seriously clans who take it seriously see it makes sense, while the larger group dismiss it as the concern of a secluded chatterstimacy. That all three par-ties now agree Parliament cannot be trusted to reflect the popular will, and must no longer pretend to do so, is an crack preliment dominant ing class. There's already been Lab-Lib collaboration on

been Lab-Lib collaboration on the Scott Report and on com-bat knives, but if the effort extended to economic or wel-fare policy, the screaming would assuredly begin. Now, however, the liaison has something to offer. It is bringing order to Labour's chaos of neglect. When the group sat down for its first meeting, those present were impressed by the suspicion that this was also the first oc-casion when the the high command had begun to address serious matters address serious matters among themselves. Robin Cook, leader of the caucus, Cook, leader of the caucus, has thought plenty about reform; Jack Straw, chair-man of the supposedly most relevant committee, less so and with less enthusiasm. Facing the Lib Dems, who have a longer commitment but a smaller burden, they're compelled to think about how to order their priorities time (which precedent suggests), even one constitu-tional measure per session would est up available law-making capacity. Without careful preparation, the pro-gramme is in danger of never to order their priorities. House of Lords? Bill of Rights? Scotland? Wales? It's appening. The reasons, therefore, for

collaboration with the Lib Dems are obvious. But unnerving to discover how far Labour has yet to move from an oppositionist mind-set to the hard agenda-setting they've never weighed much before. Their greater persua-siveness now reflects, it must be said, the blindness of many of government. Whether this

The Scottish parliament will not wait, and the problems surrounding it will be large enough to demand the assisenough to demand the assis-tance of every Lib Dem vote to facilitate its passage through Westminster. It is also the item on which, with Lib Dem assistance at the Scottish Convention, Donald Dewar, another member of the caucus, did more than anyone to shepherd Labour towards the novelites both of collaboration and a propor-tional voting system. But if tional voting system. But if Labour fails Scotland, it can forget about other reform as well.

For the Lib Dems, the de-mand that matches this is

Labour has to move from an oppositionist mind-set to the agenda-setting of government

electoral reform. They've gone into collaboration without an undertaking from Mr Blair to back proportional voting. This is a deal Paddy Ashdown once refused to countenance. His people think they discern a more positive attitude in the Labour leader, who has prom-ised a referendum and cannot, they imagine, promote one in which his visionary pledge extends no further than a defence of the status quo. They had better be right,



COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

George Monbiot

half-covert enterprise gets anywhere is now the ques-tion. Away from the dreams and detritus of half-thought-unterprise gets for marking the humiliation of 1977, when David Steel settled out oppositionism, each party to the liaison has one over-riding imperative. For Labour it is Scottish devolu-tion, with the Welsh version At some point, these two

government. At some point, these two bottom-line requirements hovering uncertainly behind. will meet. They could either run in parallel, or cross and run off in different directions. Nobody knows which it will be. The process cannot be hustled, the players have a lot to learn. Until the election, and very likely after it, the Lib Dems will not have a strong negotiating position. They can't expect to bounce Labour into schemes for regional government or the House of Lords which they've given themselves more time to think about than the other side. Their idea of a single Great Reform Bill, encom-passing all the items in one great parliamentary thrust, is completely unrealistic, and

completely unrealistic, and should disappear early in the discussions. All concerned are prepared for a possible breakdown. Because it mustn't be seen to have failed, they prefer the liaison not to have been widely seen to start. It may just quietly run in the sand.

run in the sand. The available gains, on the other hand, could be great. This is, after all, a bit of hon-

esty in politics: two parties with many identical objec-tives getting together to advance the common cause. Something the public has seldom seen. It should, at least, help push the Labour Party to describe the shape of the reformed governing institutions it would ideally like to see. The whole package can't see. The whole parage can , be done at once, but every-thing inter-connects. It is in-credible that Labour hasn't thought hard about that yet. But then, it would have been incredible three years ago to find Labour enlisting another party's help.



ing aids, spectacles, dentures and toupees, thus barring the greater part of the priesthood from its duties. Obviously, an awful lot of

to the their heads pulled off to atone for this lot. On the plus side, we have banned the import of ostrich meat from South Africa on the grounds of its uncleanliness, and in-cinerated plenty of oxen this

we have been diligent in making bondmen of the hea-then, and if we aren't smiting the enemies of the Lord our-coluce at boot EVITICUS is pretty EVITICUS is pretty clear about homosexual-ity. "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it is abomina-tion." Like those who defile themselves with beasts, such sinners will be, the Bible tells on yourid out by the ind selves, at least we are supply-ing the hardware. But God's land must surely be starting

sinters will be, the block tens us, vomited out by the land itself. If evidence of this hid-sous destiny were ever required, one need look no further than the eructations which emeted the 20th applito gag. In need of spiritual guid-ance, i telephoned the Rev Philip Hacking, chairman of Reform, the group which led which greeted the 20th annithe protests against the ser-vice on Saturday. Why have he and his fellow evangeli-cals, so quick to warn homo-sexuals of the perils they versary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, celebrated on Saturday in Southwark Cathedral Never having lain with a man as with a woman, or face, been so slow to warn the

face, been so slow to warn the rest of us? Homosexuality, he told me, unlike other Old Testament abominations, is also recog-nised as a sin in the New Testament; there is no com-parison, for example, with the sin of Onan, which "the Bible docent they used with a beast to defile myself therewith, I was, until this weekend, fairly complacent about my chances of being vomited. Then, however, hop-ing to discome what the due ing to discover what the fuss was all about, I made the mistake of taking a look at Leviticus. It's odd that no one Bible doesn't take very seri-

ously". Conspicuously, however. else seems to have noticed it, but the news is much worse homosexuality is condemned by the New Testament not in than we thought: terrestrial regurgitation awaits those the four gospels but in Romans, Conrinthians and Revelations, along with stacks of wonderful material about many-horned beasts who commit any one of the "abominable customs" listed in the book. All of us habit-ually defile ourselves before the Lord, but, as if to prove and the ordination of all govthat He is a just God, food manufacturers and estate ernments by God. Those books, like Leviticus, relay agents would seem to have the most to fear, as they lead the words not of God, but of men striving, just as they do today, to apply His teachings to everyday life. Philip Hackall the rest of us into temptation. If anyone should be ing has rightly rejected the prejudices of 4,000 years ago, looking out for a cosmic spew it should surely be them. Leviticus leaves little room only to embrace those of 2,000 for doubt. Thou shalt not eat years ago.

animal fat, or the fruit of a tree you've owned for less than five years. Thou shalt not round the corners of your head, or mar the corners of your beard. Thou shalt not touch a woman, or anything she's sat on, until seven days after her menstruation

begins. Thou shalt not put a stumbling block before the blind (which does for anyone uals, adulterers and disobedi-ent children would be stoned parking on the pavement). Thou shalt not trade in freeto death. hold: after 50 years, all prop-This honesty in sentencing erty must revert to the people t was bought from. being accepted into the the "pick-and-mix morality" flouted. Leviticus prohibits from officiating in church anyone that hath a blemish, be he lame, crookbackt, with a flat nose, "or anything su-perfluous". Quite what this eans is anyone's guess, but it must certainly cover bear-

HERE is, however, one small anti-nausea drug of hope, which may yet delay the global barf. Among Free Prsebyterians in Glas-gow, a small group is begin-ning to take the Bible seri-ously. The "theonomists", like the Taliban, would replace the judiciary with replace the judiciary with religious courts. Homosex-

may be as relevant to Britain in 1996 as the politics of Pol While God doubtless appre-clates the fuss about gays theonomists don't succumb to priesthood, He surely can't be vary pleased that the rest of like Reform. By concentrating His injunctions in this regard on homosexuality and choose have been so manifestly ing to reject as irrelevant the other teachings of the Bible, evangelical Christians are surely committing the very sin of which they acuse the homophiles. They are pander-ing to the whims of the moment, rather than listening to the God of their hearts.

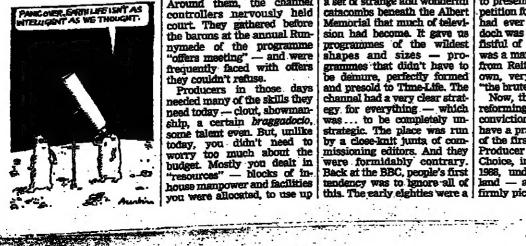
mish Life. The Booksell er's winning oddity is Greek **Rural Postmen And Their Cancellation Numbers**, They have postmen? They have numbers? The Diary's favourite, for what it's worth, is the JG Ballardes que Club Thrower's Handbook: Throwing Golf Clubs For Distance and Accuracy. David Cronenberg abould be told.

EARTENING news

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for the impoverished Duke of Rutland. Alert readers may remem-ber the heart-warming story reported last week of one ordinary nobleman's struggle to get more money out of his building society. Seventy-eight-years old, £78 million stashed away, the Duke has expressed disappointment that the Alliance & Leicester has chosen to give investors an even £1.200 when it becomes a bank next year, regardless of the size of their investment. The Duke reckons he's worth more. And now the great British public has come to his aid. Well, Mr N Moore of Arundel, West Sussex, who has sent a cheque, payable to the Duke. "I myself huxuriate in £45 pw," writes Mr Moore, "so I'm a bit pushe financially, but all the same, here's a cheque for £5. I'm sure that there must be 300 people like me willing to contribute to a very B cause indeed. He'll be all right, " concludes Mr Moore, nobly, "tell him." We shall, we shall.

HRISTMAS is cancelled, it's official. Red faces all round at the News of the World, where the corporate Christmas card has been abruptly withdrawn. "Virgin Birth Sensa-tion" reads the illustration of an undeniably witty poster for the Bethlehen Tabloid. So witty is it, they were still chuckling when they came to print the Virginia Street address inside the card: "News of the World, 1 Virgina Street."



Alan Yentob defends the Birtian revolution at the BBC — and argues that pruning, splitting and replanting have produced a fitter, more vigorous corporation

Vhy we are doing it

ENTERED the BBC's at your leisure. You were allo-revolving doors in 1988 cated them by a department as a general trainee. I called Planning. Planning started work at Bush would always oblige. The BBC wanted to keep doing started to the BBC faced a the BBC wanted to keep doing started to the legal to controllers — and "Pro-the BBC wanted to keep doing started to the legal to controllers — and "Pro-the BBC wanted to keep doing started to the legal to controllers — and "Pro-the BBC wanted to keep doing started to the legal to controllers — and "Pro-the BBC wanted to keep doing started to the legal to controllers — and "Pro-the BBC wanted to keep doing started to the legal to controllers — and "Pro-the BBC wanted to keep doing started to the legal to controllers — and "Pro-the BBC wanted to keep doing started to the legal to the legal to controllers — and "Pro-the BBC wanted to keep doing started to the legal to the legale

We producers were having a great time. But under the sur-face, the system was creaking at the seams — and it was the House, a hotbed that was abuzz, 24 hours a day, in pur-suit of knowledge and ideas. No one called broadcasting an industry" then. The BBC had viewer who was silently suffering. At the end of the 60s BBC1 and 2 were repeating the questing, plural atmosphere of a very open univer-sity. It was full of prospectors five hours a week of pro-grammes in peak time. By 1974, that figure had gone up sharing skills and ideas — full of dreamers and doers.

But there were also cliques and cabals, as well as haves and have nots. The place was stratified like the Civil Serto more than nine hours --even though licence money was pouring in. And in a typi-cal week in 1976, BBC1 had peak-time feature films on five nights of the week - plus vice. There were those, like me, in a charmed "editorial" circle. And then there were others I worked with equally bright, but sometimes deeply frustrated — consigned to the lower caste of Technical Within the BBC, as the barons carved-up the airtime, programme-makers carved and Clerical. Despite its demo cratic feel, and its polyphony of voices, the class system was alive and well within the BBC. themselves into coteries -

After about a year at Bush House, I moved to television. At the end of the daring 60s, a like Houses at some minor public school. To prosper, you had to be in with one of them sense of safety was beginning to settle. The competitive

threat from ITV that had kept the BBC on its toes was dying We each had to write, on a giant piece of paper, what down. The "cosy duopoly" be-tween the two sides was tak-- deep down - we most wanted from being at the ing over. Meanwhile, the launch of colour and the BBC. I put: 'I want to be good, and I want to be happy' growth of colour licences meant a windfall was coming

Drama Darlings House, the Kensington House. Divided we ruled. By the 30s we probably duced, the medium and the the BBC's way — and with it a serious skills shortage. Almost all you needed to get a all needed a shake-up. That came in 1962 with Channel 4. Channel 4 revolutionised job there was to turn up at the

This was a BBC of fearsome tribalism. Huw Wheldon public-service broadcasting by undermining it — in hugely valuable ways. Channel 4 built called the production departments "baronies" in this era. a set of strange and wonderful catacombs beneath the Albert Memorial that much of televi-had ever seen. Rupert Mur-Around them, the channel controllers nervously held court. They gathered before the barons at the annual Runsion had become. It gave us nymede of the programme "offers meeting" — and were frequently faced with offers they couldn't refuse. programmes of the wildest shapes and sizes — pro- was a man with little to learn requently faced with offers grammes that didn't have to from Reith — except for his be demure, perfectly formed own, very different spin on "the brute force of monopoly". channel had a very clear strat-egy for everything — which was... to be completely un-conviction, too, if it wanted to needed many of the skills they need today -- clout, showmanship, a certain braggadocio, strategic. The place was run have a prayer in the 90s. One

zates.

some talent even. But, unlike today, you didn't need to worry too much about the by a close-knit junta of com-missioning editors. And they Producer Choice. Producer worry too much about the missioning entries. And they Producer Choice. Producer budget. Mostly you dealt in were formidably contrary. Choice, in fact, got going in a "resources" — blocks of in-house manpower and facilities tendency was to ignore all of land — and John Birt then the you were allocated, to use up this. The early eighties were a firmly picked up the baton. It

a full range of programmes, but didn't really know why. And it began to have less and less idea hoto — as income from new colour licences tailed off and the political cli-mate turned hostile. The BBC adopted the posture of a span-iel with its legs in the air — vaguely hoping for a benevo-lent tickle, more likely to get a

wallop from a handbag. Viewers were becoming more sophisticated, helped by the innovations at Channel 4. But something more profound three peak-time American was happening to television in crime shows. This was a Planned economy like that of the Soviet Union. Pleasant in-efficiency prevalled. The And i true hor of the appen-time and the analysis of the appen-time analysis of the appendix o ing. And it was happening, not just on television, but, in some

peculiar way, within televi-sion. Communism was crum-Like Houses at some minor bling because of — and at the grammes. It means a proper, public school. To prosper, you speed of — video pictures. repeats down by hundreds of head to be *in* with one of them. Television was involving itself hours, dozens of hours of new in the Lime Grove House, the in the tide of history like dramas.

age, seemed truly to be

coming down. Meanwhile, the BBC, at the

start of the 90s, was running

A deregulated ITV was about

out of steam and out of money.

petition for audiences than we had ever seen. Rupert Mur-

doch was on the prowl, with a

mest

requirement to take a quarter of its programmes from inde-- to renew our relationship with viewers and listeners.

John Birt asked Liz Forgan and me to conduct a Proand me to consider a Pro-gramme Strategy Review. The challenge was to look hard at what we were doing, why, and for whom. I know that the path we've taken in the 90s has made a difference. When I started at BBC1, I was shocked to learn how threadbare our service was over the spring and summer. Today, the sav-ings we have made — £500 million in five years — have been ploughed back into pro-grammes. It means a proper, full-blown schedule all year; repeats down by hundreds of

matters most.

Darcy or Cantona?

duction", us programme-mak ers. No one can overestimate pendent producers. We really did need to find out how much each programme actually cost. And we needed to find out than royal marriages. This is who, exactly, this was all for the age of the deal, and everyone knows their rights. Rights are the lifeblood now. In this world, the BBC no

longer has the luxury to be divided against itself. That statement may sound strange in the light of a reorganisation which some have seen as a dismemberment of the BBC. But in fact the BBC is being cleaved apart so that it can work even better as one. Not long ago, I took advan-tage of one of the many useful

seminars that the BBC runs for its staff. This one was all about bonding with one's job and one's colleagues. We each had to write, on a giant piece of paper, what — deep down — we most *wanted* from being at the BBC. I put: "I want to be good, and I want to be happy." The BBC has been rather

good in the 90s. Happiness, though, has been more einsive. We need to recall our sense of vocation; to find more time for creative play. Within a single, united Production com-munity we can do this. We can But the BBC's financial rev olution isn't just about saving money. Once you understand build a critical mass of pro-gramme-makers. And we can send out bolder signals to writhow much a programme is valued in money terms, you get a clearer grasp of its value ers and performers - draw closer to them.

I know that disaffection among BBC staff is still wide-spread. The process of making in the deeper sense. You can make true choices about what Today, we can at least comeconomies may have been too pare the escalating cost of football directly with the high dragged out - and the nerves of people worn too thin. But cost of costume drama in a let's also remember that the way we just couldn't before. It economies are to do with strengthening what counts. allows us to ask - which do Whatever you might say about the BBC, you can't say it's been timid in the past five we really want to do? What do we owe the viewer in terms of palue? Where do our pro-gramme priorities lie? With years. We've had to change, not for the sake of change, but In this case, our priorities to survive - and we have to lay with doing Pride And Prej-udice and the Premiership on go on changing. We've still got a lot of learning to do. Match Of The Day. But we This is edited from the inaugural also decided that we could no Bafta lecture, given last night by

longer run to the high cost of the live FA Cup Final. Alan Yentob, BBC Director of The challenge now is to Programmes

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Reginald Bevins

Prototype Thatcherite

EG BEVINS, who and was particularly anxious has died aged 88, that the social basis of the represented both a party should be widened. represented both a leclining and a rising force in Conservative politics. Liverpud-lian to his finger tips, he was one of the postwar Merseyside MPs influential in Tory side MPs influential in Tory fortunes. That influence has been extinguished; there is now not a single Liverpool Conservative MP. On the other hand, by background and outlook he anticipated the classless radicalism that manner concealed the man of action rather than the thinker dowed with the qualities of action and stubborn purpose. became the hallmark of the Conservative Party in the 1950s. He was a Thatcherite before his time.

Reg Bevins was one of five children, born to a lower middle class family, and educated at the Liverpool Colle-giate school. His early politi-cal loyalties were Labour and he served on the Liverpool City Council. His sense of realism led him to support the appeasement policy of Chamberlain and he left Labour after the 1938 Munich settlement.

Wartime army service, first as a gunner, rising to major in the Royal Army Service Corps, was followed by his emergence as an active Liverpool Conservative politician. In the 1945 general election be unsuccessfully contested the Labour seat of West Toxteth. vision and again failed in the 1947 Edge Hill byelection, although Labour's majority was heavily reduced. Success came in the 1950

general election, when he was returned for Toxteth. Conser-vative fortunes in Liverpool had long rested upon a working class Irish Protestant vote, but this became a declining factor from the 1950s on-

Letter

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Virginia Berridge writes: I

met Martyn Taylor (obituary,

October 23) when I was

researching my history, AIDS in the UK. While in no doubt of the importance of gay seli

help organisation in initial responses to Alds, Martyn also showed a wry and sar-

leagues, observing that Er-nest Marples was "often dedicated to his job, always dedicated to himself." His move to He made a faltering start at Westminster. On his own conthe Ministry of Housing in fession his maiden speech was belligerent and ineffec-1957 was a happy develop-ment. He had the highest regard for the integrity of his tive. Throughout his parliaminister, Henry Brooke. Yet mentary career be never mastered the art of political charm. The Merseyside ac-cent and somewhat rough again Bevins was the Junior workhorse, involved in such contentious legislation as the

over the decade he had earned a reputation as a de-pendable minister and a dour parliamentary performer. Full recognition came after the 1959 general election, when there was nearly a fight at the count in Toxteth: his

sympathetic gesture was mis-interpreted by his aggressive Labour opponent. Harold Macmillan appointed him Macminian appointed inin Postmaster General. It is by this post that he is remembered: after all, that portfolio included responsi-bility for the broadcast

media. On the night in No-vember 1962, when an astonished press and public watched the BBC's first ven-ture into television satire,

by colleagues. This was par-ticularly true of the Post Office trade union pay negoti-ations that were conducted That Was the Week That Was, Bevins was promptly rung up by reporters to discover his against the background of an incomes policy. He judged, probably accurately, that he reaction. His incautious comment: "I'm going to do some-thing about it," was widely quoted in the morning could have concluded a lower pay deal had not colleagues forced him to be unwisely papers. On his arrival at his intransigent. "You can't win!" he wrote office he found on his desk a very short note from Macmil-

in an article soon afterwards. "The cabinet ignored my ad-vice and I had to carry the

An even greater challenge came with the television bill which regulated the commen cial franchises. Bevins conceded he was a "doer and not

required qualities of finesse which went well beyond mere Industries, an engineering action. Bevins put his case in a post-ministerial memoir The Greasy Pole (1965). He concluded that Lord Thomps aphorism that a TV franchise was a license to print money "was more factual than indis-creet." Bevins's dogged resolve to contest the TV lobbyists must have wearled some ministerial colleagues, who felt the sums involved

did not justify the hassle. Be-vins, through stamina and conviction, mostly won his way, but his ministerial and parliamentary careers were ended by the 1964 general election defeat. He subse-

his political beliefs. His Liverpool and lower middle class background argued for a more democratic Con tive Party, but not one reflecting the social objectives of Rab Butler. He was suspi-

Postmaster General . . . Bevins, flanked by postal boss Sir Ronald German, announces the response to a strike in 1964

Maudling.

cious of the establishment whom he described as "invisible but ubiquitous", and which had triumphed with the election of Alec Home as Conservative leader. Bevins had supported Reginald Ministerial experience had

ents were not fully utilised.

The Greasy Pole is a suc-cinct and heartfelt account of



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James Wild A song for everyone German L

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AMES Wild, who has died in a car accident Uaged 68, believed that everyone should be given the opportunity to sing and make music. It was his vision and selfless dedication which gave rise to the national Sing For Pleasure choral movement, which comes into contact with hundreds of singers and many choirs every year. It offers vocal reperiore, a graded conducting scheme and courses and events for singers and teachers.

In the early 1970s Wild, who was then Bretton Hall College of Higher Education's princi-pal music lecturer, had been introduced to the work of France's A Coeur Joie. It was an approach based on song-learning and teaching by imi-tation. The technique worked well with singers who could not read music and it formed the core of the musical philosophy which he promoted within Sing for Pleasure.

Wild studied plano and organ with Iso Ellinson at the Royal Manchester College of Music. In 1961 he was ap-pointed Oldham education authority's first music organiser and he helped to found Oldham's music centre and

For three years he was a Workers' Education Association music lecturer and he was also the Royton and the Oldham Musical Societies' musical director. In 1963 he formed two choirs for younger singers: the youth choir won the Llangollen Festival, while the Oldham unior singers toured abroad. He was known in Oldham as

lege. There he trained more than 70 music teachers annually, and conducted the colchoir and Bretton singers. His great pleasure was working with young teachers. After his early retirement he continued working with singers, conducted the Elysian Singers and the Sterndale Singers and adjudicated for the British Federation of Music Festivals. He was a member and sometime chair-man of the executive committee of the British Federation

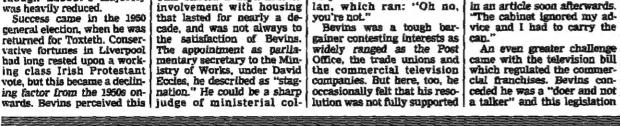
He put these to effective use, Next moming he found on his desk a very short note from Macmillan which ran: 'Oh no. you're not' alas not always appreciated by the Conservative Party. Throughout his political

career his skills were used in housing and the Post Office, which then included tele-After the 1951 general election he was asked by Harold Macmillan to become his parliamentary private secretary. This started a departmental involvement with housing you're not." that lasted for nearly a decade, and was not always to

Hugo Buchthal

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Bevins was a tough bergainer contesting interests as the satisfaction of Bevins. widely ranged as the Post Office, the trade unions and The appointment as parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Works, under David the commercial television Eccles, he described as "stag-nation." He could be a sharp companies. But here, too, he occasionally felt that his reso-





comes policies and economic planning; he also felt that Suez had destroyed the old certainties of foreign policy. Finally he was a remarkably its annual music festival. radical parliamentary reformer. He argued for a slimline Westminster with a session reduced from 33 to 20 weeks and the parliamentary week from five days to three He was to learn that politi-

cians are far more disposed to reform the institutions of others rather than their own. "Mr Music". In 1968 he moved to York-shire and Bretton Hall Col-John Reginald Bevins, politician, born August 20, 1908; died No-

donic appreciation of the in- fighting and the disagree- ments over strategy and	art, both Byzantine and West- ern. He belonged to the gen-	the University of Beirut, from where he travelled to Syria and Palestine. From that	both in the US and abroad, particularly in Germany and	a major focus of his work and formed the subject of several publications. In the 1970s, he	e a hat		of Young Choirs. He leaves his wife Thalia and daughter Jill.	
organisation which had gone into it. He was an insider, but	eration of German-trained art historians who changed the	time, and uniquely among his peers, he was equally at home	1975 he returned to London				Lynda Parker	
with an outsider's apprecia- tion of events. The effect of being a person with Aids at- tracted "groupies", he com- mented. It was rather like the	course of teaching and research in this country. Born and brought up in Berlin, Buchthal studied art history and philosophy at the	in medieval Latin, Greek and Arabic manuscripts. On his return to London, like other members of the Warburg, he lectured regularly at the	widely and to carry out his research into his eighties.	books both on the French and Italian manuscripts of the Troy Romance (Historia Troiana, 1971), and on later Byzantine painting (Patron-		64 / L	James Wild, music teacher, born August 28, 1928; died October 16, 1996	
sanctity of disease in some African tribes. "People want to sit at the feet of these suges." Martyn also had a strategic awareness of the dif-	Sorbonne and at Heidelberg before concentrating on art history at Hamburg under the inspiring guidance of Erwin Panofsky. A few months after	Courtauld Institute. During the war, the War- burg was evacuated to Den- ham and Buchthal became its librarian in 1941, After the in-	working methods may be ap- preciated in his first book, The Illustrations of the Paris Psaiter: a Study in Middle Byzantine Painting (1938). He	age in 13th century Constanti- nople, with H Beiting, 1978). Buchthal's breadth of knowledge and his meticu- lously professional approach			Death Notices	
ficulties and possibilities which the changing role of the voluntary sector and its funding in government health and community care policies	the Nazis took power in Janu- ary 1933, Jewish university teachers were dismissed. In that summer term, Fritz Sazi, director of the Warburg Insti-	stitute was incorporated into the University of London at the end of the war, he com- bined this position with a lec- tureship in art history, being	manuscript in the context of the 10th century Byzantine Renalssance fostered by the	but his advice was always carefully considered and ap-			ARBITTAGE, John Gilbert, on 15th Novem- ber 1556 aged 54 years after a brave light against cancer Beloved husbend of Cyn- Bia and lowing father of Sarah and Rich- ard, Formerly Headmaster in Settle, North Yorkshire and Oadby, Leicester, A Yon- thineman of Immense courage, determina- tion and Inbegrity who will be greatly inised. Fureral Service at 3: Willred's Church, Köwerth Beachamp, Leicester- bure on Wednasday 20th Hovernber at 2pm, Family Rowerts only Donations if desind etmey so: LOROS (Lalcastersette Hospinci) Cancer Cara Macmillan Fund or Marie Cause Cara Macmillan Fund or Marie Cara Cara Cira J. Adus- tion 5 Son, Funeral Directors, 12 London Road, Omdy Leicester, LE2 BOC tel 0116- 271230	4
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Si: Penclope Leach, psychol-	bat the Warburg Institute	year. But in the 1950s there were few students in his field and	His expertise on Islamic art bore fruit in a book and a series of key articles pub-	Maltschi (née Serkin), an il- lustator of children's books, was one of sustained mutual	which I joined soon after, and so our friendship extended	students in this country and in the United States to his field of study.	In Memoriam	
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lowin. former chief of the	moved while it could still do so unhindered, and the finan- cial support of Samuel Cour-	when, in 1965, he was offered a professorship at the New York Institute of Fine Arts, a	lished in the 1940s. What was to be his master- plece, Book Illumination in	support. His wife sadly out- lasted him by less than a week; they are survived by	While still in Germany he	Though he appeared gener- ally to be somewhat with- drawn and not easy of access,	BROOKS, Laure Melanie - In Loving mem- ory of Laure Melanie Brocks. 7 May 1972 - 17 November 1995. At prace. D 6, M.	
Naval Staff. 76; David Lloyd- Jones. opera director, 62; Bronwen Naish. double	tauld — who had recently founded the institute for art history which bears his name	thriving centre of medieval studies, he moved to New York. It was there that he	the Latin Kingdom of Jerusa- lem, followed in 1957. Here he	their daughter Anna, a con- sultant anaesthetist.	neglected and difficult field of Byzantine art and he remained committed to the	it was all the more moving to see his genuine pleasure	Bourne on ath November at St.	
bassist, 57; Auriol Sinclair, National Hunt trainer, 78; Dennis Taylor, snooker	- enabled it to move to Lon- don at the end of 1933 and to establish itself there.	blossomed as a teacher. He at-	ground, publishing for the first time a whole school of	C M Kastfmann	austere tradition of special- ised research in a number of	when a large number of his pupils gathered at the War- burg Institute to celebrate his	BOURNE. On 9th November at 51. George's Hospital, London, to Gite (Sharme, and len, a son, Joanua James, a brother for Natasha.	#
player, 47; The Ven Michael Till. Archdeacon of Canter- bury, 61; Prof Dame Marga-	Buchthal moved with it; there were no regular posts for	ber of doctoral students, many of whom came to oc- cupy posts in Byzantine and	miniature painting in the Crusading kingdom. His anal- yeis of the style and content of	Sir Ernst Gombrich writes: With the death of Hugo Buchthal the world of learn-	publications that soon gained him the respect of his col- leagues. Widely travelled and	80th birthday and to acknowl- edge their debt to his lasting inspiration.	KENNKAY/JEANENKES, Soncha, A beautitud daughter for Penny and Graeme and sister to Jercome, Employ and Sam. Born 3rd November.	i
ret Turner-Warwick, im- munologist, 72; Mike Vernon, record producer, 52.	junior staff, but he had vari- ous grants and was able to study Arabic at the School of Oriental and African Studies.	Western medieval art in American universities and museums.	of Byzantine and Western cul-	ing has lost one of the last representatives of the great tradition of German art his-		Hugo Buchthal, art historian, born August 11, 1909, died	ETo place your ethnouncement tekphone DIF1 712 4357, Fax 0171 713 4129.	i t
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Jackdaw	cruxes any fundamental con- sideration of sauce must im-	reason as a necessary logical possibility but not as any real-	as a Democrat in 1997. b) Bob Dole plans to speak of	c) A man, a plan, a canal, Panama.	purpose, is to get the four in- gedients right — the guests,	facing when it stops has to put a thumb to each ear and	It may be that your sole pur-	:
0	mediately confront: might one simply eat a sauce by it- self? Recently I tried to order	ity that might, in fact, become manifest. Only sheer repeti- tion can usher into conscious	himself in the fourth person. 2. The key issue of the 1996 Presidential election was:	6. Answer Yes or Yes Indeed: The Gore-Kemp Vice Presi- dential debate drew lowest-	the food and drink and a rough outline of the evening's entertainment Here is a	waggle their hands pretend- ing to be a bunny. The rest of	pose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others. The average woman would	1
	just a sauce at a logical res- taurant. I encountered a degree of reluctance on the	representation the sauce itself. To be honest, I have to ac-	a) Ralph Nader's inexplicable failure to seize the loose-rail-	ever TV ratings because it ran opposite PBS's "Nova:	selection of easy fun games designed to involve everyone	the guests follow suit and the person in the middle judges who is last to copy the bunny.	rather have beauty than brains, because the average man can see better than he can	
	part of the restaurateur that can only be found when one	knowledge my own implica- tion in these prejudicial for- mations, for I was unable, in	ings safety issue; b) Boh Dole's hobby gap; c) Madonna's baby's name;	The Big Bands Search for the Lost City of Urbar, Hosted by Louis Rukeyser"	and get people laughing at the expense of others' antics Bonny: This is a late evening	That person pays a forfeit and then goes in the middle to be judge for next spin. If you	think. Paranoids are people, too; they have their own problems	

Power of sauce

SAUCE, as an agent of concoalment, touches upon powerful and subtle undercurrents in the modern temperament. No mere dependent or hanger-on, no benign supplement, the sauce clearly has a role to play in the field of cuisine. Yet it cannot be allowed to become an overriding element of the dishes to which it is to be applied. Sauce requires of the

would be interpreter a special capacity for an oblique perceptiveness, a sidelong focus, an attention to silences. Let me take up just one example of the

can only be found when one runs fully afoul of the deepest unconcious formations of a culture, crossing against the grain of those categorical assumptions that operate beneath the surface of conscious judgment. Just a sauce? The initial res pouse to such an unprecedented request is not even open to resistance but rather an utter lack of comprehension. Before one is even in the position of persuasion, therefore, one finds oneself simply repeating such a request, so that the idea itself might be granted any credence whatso ever. "Yes, I would like just a sauce, a sauce alone. One plate

of just sheet sauce." Only sheer repetition can force the idea into some measure of con-cretian — this idea that until now had existed merely on the abstracted plane of pure

alising comforts of sequestration in the au jus bowl or the gravy boat — the sauce lay before me as frankly disturbing culinary pornography. From the Technologies of the Sauce by David Wayne Thomas in the 96 issue of Raritan. Election test 1. True or False: a) Bill Clinton plans to register

c) Madonna's baby's name; mations, for I was unable, in truth, to muster any enthusi d) Staying awake. asm for this improbable meal lest Tip 1: Use two match-The lone sauce that I was ultisticks to prop your eyelids nately served, forced as it was open. into the mercilessly objectify-3. Bob Dole galvanised the Republican convention by: ing glare of a solo perfora) Arriving two hours late nance, came to seem deformed, malign, repellent. Deprived of any of its usual b) Challenging President Clin-ton to also blow up fifty soccer contextualising rituals and balls: trappings - not just without a foundational "priary" edible c) Telling the audience to "smoke 'em if you got 'em."

but also without the peripher-4. Elizabeth Dole is not related a) G. Gorden Liddy; b) Libby Holman; c) Lizzie Borden d) Women's Lib. Fest Tip 2: Sleepiness can be fended off by slapping yourself about the face with an open

5. Bob Dole resigned from the US Senate in order to become: a) Just a man: b) Just a man from Kansas;

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Louis Rukeyser" 7. In thirty seconds, arrange the following word clusters into their natural groupings New Hampshire Primaries/catatonis/lowa cau-cuses/Zombification/"Im a Dole man"/Spastic colon. 16. (Optional) Can you remember who you voted for

in the Presidential election? Quiz ands here. The person with the most correct answers (and five million Indonesian rupiah) will be ap-pointed Ambassador to Luxembourg. Quiz ends here. Hello? Can you hear this? Quiz ends here. Wake up! Bruce McCall testing your

post-election IQ in the New Yorker.

Party hop

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THE secret of a successful party, whatever the original

Bunny: This is a late evening same of forfeits when the drink has been flowing several hours. One person is chosen to spin an empty bottle on the floor in the middle of the room. Whoever the neck is



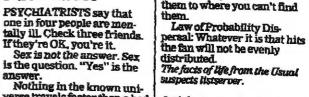
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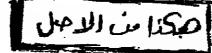
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Rail firm to cut 3,000 jobs

Freight operator says it is on tracking for profit-making

Keith Harper Transport Editor

RITAIN'S largest privatised freight rail company is to cut 3,000 of its 7,000 three years in an attempt to turn years of state loss-mak-ing into profit, its chief execu-

TOr profit-making Ed Burkhardt, the Ameri-Can antromeneur who haveri-Can antromeneur who haveri can entrepreneur who bought British Rail's four freight management because he and his senior colleagues found it was the most efficient way to run the business. The cuts are

apply in Britain. He is also concerned at the lack of broad-band radios in train op-erations and is to discuss the safety implications with Railtrack. Only 12 of British Rail's 25 former rail passenger fran-chises now remain to be dis-posed of before the next elec-tion. Competition is tion. Competition is mounting for the rest of the

network. Prism Rail, which already

on the LTS fine, Fares for peak-time travel will increase by an average 22 per cent, ranging from under 1 per cent for mainline season tickets to about 4 per cent for season tickets. Cheap

lay-return fares will drop on average by 4 per cent. Prism said that busin had increased since it took over the franchise earlier this year, although rail industry sources suggest that there has been a general increase in traffic following the end of the

the West Coast main line. De cisions are still pending, but if it secures either line, St coach will become the bigges

rail operator. It disclosed yesterday a £77 million order for 625 buses for 1997 and options on another 250 from UK, manufacturing plants owned by Volvo of Sweden. Barry Hinkley, senior board member, said the buses would replace 9 per cent of the company's fleet and would meet new

Notebook Cash influx may not fill tax bill

demand can bring difficulties ater on

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PRE-ELECTION politick-ing does not come much uglier than when prac-tised by Brian Mawhinney, His pugnacious style may be Central Office's idea of the best way of taking on the filmsy policies of New Labour, but there are few spectacles as unedifying as the party chairman in full spate

The true measure of his po-litical worth ought to be how often he gets the analysis right. On this he does not score highly. Yesterday's

VER much of the past year, the great lament from HM Treasury has been about the lack of corpo-ration tax and VAT receipts. In October, like General Blücher at the field of Water-loo, a torrent of receipts ar-rived just in time. With seven days to go before Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's Budget, receipts from corporation tax have soared 24.4 per cent year on year, VAT is up 46.6 per cent and income tax 30.5 per cent. All of this has pushed the public finances into the deep black, generating a buddeep black, generating a bud-get surplus for the month of \$4.39 billion.

The figures are so stun-ningly good, causing surprise bordering on ecstasy among the normally miserable City scribblers, that the Treasury apparently felt the need to hose them down. The concern now is that backbench Tories will assume the unbiem in will assume the problem in the public finances is over and it is chocks away for a tax-cutting Budget without risking the charge of finan-cial profligacy and even

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Alex Brummer

higher gilt yields The case against reading too much into the data is twofold. First, the corporation tax collection in October is more representative of the financial sector of the economy than manufacturing — which is doing less wall — so it gives too flattering a picture, with the prospect that the January paymants will be less buoy-

Second, the pattern of VAT

mock indignation about Labour's plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities took Dr Mawhinney's black arts to even inkier depths.

Using research published four months ago by the US bank Goldman Sachs, he assumes that Labour will levy £5 billion from the utilities. Then, dividing that sum by the number of customers served by the companies, he comes up with the assertion that it will cost each £192, as if the utilities would be allowed to pass on the cost of the tax in higher prices. This said, Dr Mawhinney

was "heartstopping", railing against a tax on "bills, jobs and pensions". In fact, the record of the utilities on bills is mixed, and on jobs appailing, and pensioners have already criticised the \$27 million made by a small band of elec-tricity industry executives whose companies have been traded on the market.

The Tories have decided to target the windfall tax ----Michael Hessitine also had a pop at it at last week's CBI conference. But it is dodgy for the party and politically inept to pick a fight on the utilities.

Telekom debut ability of cartain companies



and former chairman of Lonrho, last night savaged the company's board after his loyal army of small shareholders was outguined by institutional investors over the sale of the Metropole hotel chain. At an extraordinary gen-eral meeting at Kensington Town Hall, where exchanges were often stormy,



Lonrho won approval for the \$327 million sale in the face of opposition from Mr Rowland and his support-

But speaking at his Belgravia home shortly before flying to South Africa, where President Nelson Mandela was due to award him the Order of Good Hope — the highest honour a foreigner can receive —

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Mr Rowland said the sale was "an act of madness Mr Rowland, who has

en highly critical of the Lonrho hoard since he was ousted in a boardroom coup last year, also defended his controversial sale, in 1992. of a one-third stake in Me-tropole to the Libyan Foreign Investment Company, Lafico.

He said: "I did nothing

Simon Beavis and Citris Barrie

winter.

RITAIN'S biggest elec-

Btricity generator has brought one of its oldest

power stations out of moth-balls to keep the lights on this

with the south braced for

the first snows, it emerged last night that the National

Grid had ordered National

Power to recommission its

oil-fired power station in

Pembroke, South Wales, amid concern that supplies could

be inadequate. In an indication of the National Grid's concern to avoid a repetition of last win-

ter's near-collapse of the

national transmission sys-

tem, the 500-megawatt unit

was brought back on stream last week to make up for the

temporary closure of a dam-

The move comes amid a

gas-fired power stations to op- | ing.

In Friday's paper the Quantilan's distinguist

panel of economic advisers offers its election budget strategy to the Chancellor, beaut upon expert knowledge and insight into the

real economy. The pane's assessment of the economy, public linances and taxation opens the Guardian's matchiese bridget coverage

aged plant at Aberthaw.

Wise Women

After the fray . . . An outspoken Tiny Rowland at home last night after the vote went against him at yesterday's meeting PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLES

without clearance from any wrongdoing by Mr Leahy, Lonrho's chairman, Dougias Hurd and Lynda Chalker [then foreign sec-retary and overseas devel-tioned the recent sale of land said Sir John's pairing opment minister]. I hunched with them at the Carlton Gardens, and Douglas Hurd said, If you can bring £177 million into this country from Libya, then good luck to you." There is no suggestion of

erate using expensive back-up fuels - and to pass the costs

electricity company Northern Electric promised to pay shareholders a special divi-dend of 56.5p a share next Feb-

ruary, should it escape the £766 million hostile takeover

bid from US group CalEnergy.

valued the company. But the

company failed to produce its half-year results yesterday as intended. Northern said the

figures were being audited. CalEnergy said there was nothing new in Northern's de-

In its first formal defer document, Northern reiter-ated that the US offer under-

Meanwhile, the regional

through to customers.

I shares by Lonrho's former chief executive, Dieter Bock, to Anglo American, the South African mining group. He said he expected the European Commission to investigate the deal.

to investigate the deal. the group's sale of Metro-Attacking Sir John pole to the Scottish hotel

group Stakis. One share- | reinstatement. decribed as "bought hook, line and sinker by Bock", Mr Row-land said Sir John's pairing holder, calling for Lonrho to retain Metropole, even called for the Libyans to be its captain". invited to reinvest. He said: "The Libyans have done a with new chief executive Nick Morrell was "a joke". deal with the IRA, and so if Earlier, shareholders

Another shareholder, calling for Mr Rowland's

Lonrho as a "ship without

Later, when Mr Rowland's supporters at-tempted to call for the 1.6 per cent of GDP in the last financial year. meeting to be adjourned, Mr Clarke has not quite put

the UK public finances in this position yet, partly because vernm nt spending is running above forecast, which is not that remarkable in the election run-up. However,

DUT to one side, for a mo-ment, the likes of Luftto pay quarterly, October being one of those months. However, even if these facbansa and Veba. Gertors are worked into the anaman capitalism has reached a lysis, the data still look encrossroads with the sale of couraging. It is to be expected Deutsche Telekom. The issue that, with the economy growwas always likely to be a hit ing faster than expected, inwith foreign investors, offercreasing numbers of people in ing exposure to German work and diposable income marks, telecoms and Europe rising (stimulating expendi-ture and therefore VAT), tax

many, however, is how the receipts should be rising. That is how fiscal stabilisers issue plays with the country's small shareholders, brought work and it is among the reasons that helped bring the US budget deficit down to up on a model of capitalism characterised by bonds, banks and a raft of unquoted Mittelstand companies

there is a strong possibility that the Chancellor can bring in this year's public sector borrowing requirement at well below the summer forecast figure of £26.9 billion, creating some headroom for that little extra off taxation next week. That may sustain the "feel good" factor into would testify, cutting taxes in a period of buoyant domestic Germany is not short of those.

simultaneously. The key question for Ger-

So far, so good. SdK, a small shareholders' group, reckons the Deutsche Telekom flotation will add about 600,000 new names to the 4.5 million. their share of the market is harely half the level of two decades ago. Institutions ac-count for the bulk of the rest. next year. But, as former Chancellor Nigel Lawson As the portfolios of say, Deut-

Grid unlocks old George defends Bank's dual role power station ity-control unit, which it is | of some big banks in Scandi- | formation it could in the light Mark Milner Deputy Financial Editor setting up to monitor the navia and problems experi-standards achieved by its enced by the Japanese bankupervision department ing sector ANK of England Gover-

Labour MP Diane Abbott In the UK, he said, the probtold Mr George: "Every time you come before this commitlems at JMB, BCCI and Barings had cost neither the de tee you tell us three things: positor We have the best supervisory penny positor nor the taxpayer "a system, banks will fail, we are sharpening up our act,". The Ms Abbott asked whether

the Bank had "dragged its Bank, she said, had not learned the lessons of John-son Matthey Bank and the ties in the wake of the colties in the wake of the col-lapse of Barings — brought down in 1995 by some £860 million of losses in-Bingham report into the col-lapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. curred by rogue trader Nick Leeson on the Singapore and Defending the Bank's role, Mr George asked committee members to look at what had

Osaka derivatives exchanges. happened to Crédit-Lyonnais Mr George argued that the in France, the nationalisation Bank had disclosed all the in-

of legal advice it was given. The Governor rejected any suggestion that there was "creative tension" in its dual roles as supervisor of the banking system and adviser on monetary policy. There

might on occasion, he con-ceded, be "inconveniences" but there were considerable synergies between the two duties

Mr George surprised some MPs when he argued that a parent company should fully support an overseas subsid iary that got into difficulties "If it does not then the dam age to the reputation of the [parent] shareholder could actually put it in jeopardy."

Exchange as well as the

Lisa Buckingham OYMAKER Mattel

characters

trumped neck-and-neck rival Hasbro yesterday to dominate this year's

> Toymakers are also seeing their marketing budgets soar and are in a ferocious battle to secure lucrative ties with

- maker of Action Man and of small and medium sized Monopoly – which was itself companies, often with family the target of a \$5.2 billion bid ownership, has become the fiefdom of a handful of global brand numes.

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fence. Shares in Northern closed 14p down at 595p as the mar-ket considered the likelihood oking to Mark H of the bid being blocked by the Trade and Industry Secreos — the minimum investment Lappa will

original transfer it will pick up half the subsequent fee. If a player looks like

Rechange has just given the go-ahead to plans to list the shares in a fund which will invest, not in soccer clubs but in players' dent Dr Julio Macchi says finance the purchase of soccer experts to help as-young, promising players sees deals. To ensure fair play, transfer deals will have to be reported to the. Macchi who confidently

Luenos Aires Stock Each

CONTRACT his price could double or treble." Investor fans who see their hero on the receiv-

The fund will take a per-centage of any subsequent transfer fee if the player is foul? Not according to Dr quickly follow suit. The all, a game of two halves. companies. Soccer is, after

Buenos Aires	exchange dips i	nto soccer's t	ransfer market
Mark Milner	sold on. If, for example, the fund pays 50 per cent of the	Vinnel lillions	fund is clearly looking to recruit soccer fans - the

<u>HE</u> business pages of newspapers in Argen-

ANK of England George last night rejected MPs' ar-

gaments that the Bank's dual

role of monetary policy ad-viser and banking supervisor might be too much for it to

In robust exchanges with members of the House of

Commons Treasury select committee, Mr George said

the Bank had "sharpened up its act" in the wake of the col-

lapse of Barings. He also revealed that the

Bank was close to choosing an outsider to head its qual-

handle.

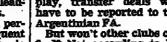
tary, Ian Lang. amid sugges-tions that industry watchdog Prof Stephen Littlechild had tina will soon be the source growing row over a Govern-ment-backed scheme to allow submitted his recommenda-tion to the Office of Fair Tradof footballers' form as well as stories about their clubs' financ The Buenos Aires Stock

The aim is to use the cash. raised by the fund to help

for one of Argentina's leading clubs, Boca Juniors.

spending the rest of his career at Boca, then the club will have to buy out the fund's interest in his contract at market value.

the fund aims to raise \$20 million (£12.5 million) and will recruit a panel of





be 100 pesos (£66). Dr Macchi is expecting BY THE HAND the fund to bring life to the OFGOD transfer system. If a player e/ff. plays well, he says, the

share price will go up. If he loses form, then it will go down. "If a player gets picked for Argentina, then

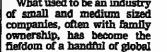
ing end of a lucrative bid could face a conflict of interest, though.

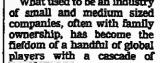
Though the fund will be an unusual corporate en-tity, it will issue interim figures like conventional

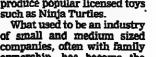
best known for Barbie dolls has agreed to pay \$755 million (£455 million) to buy Tyco tribution networks. whose toybox includes Matchbox cars and Sesame Street

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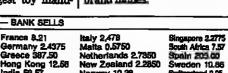
What used to be an industry







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from Mattel nine months ago. Acquisition of Tyco, America's third biggest toy manu-

Christmas stockings. The California-based group

The merger is another contraction among the world's biggest toymakers who have been trying to improve profit-ability by producing in lowcost countries and pumping more through their global dis-

Mattel buys up Tyco's toybox facturer, will give the com-bined group about 19 per cent of the US market alone.

If Otto catches the habit it will be a boon to those who want to see more companies coming to the stock market. UK experience suggests. however, it is not all plain sailing. Privatisation has more than tripled the number of small shareholders, but

queued up to condemn Sir John's chairmanship of Lonrho, and in particular

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ring DM200 billion a year to

But the biggest prize is not due until the new millen-

nium, when the heavily subst-

dised. Joss-making German Railways (Deutsche Bahm) are

due to be sold-off after a to-

year "recovery" programme that began in 1994. The state-

owned firm, now a pic, could raise several billion marks,

but analysts refused to put a

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has sold off stakes in 500 com-

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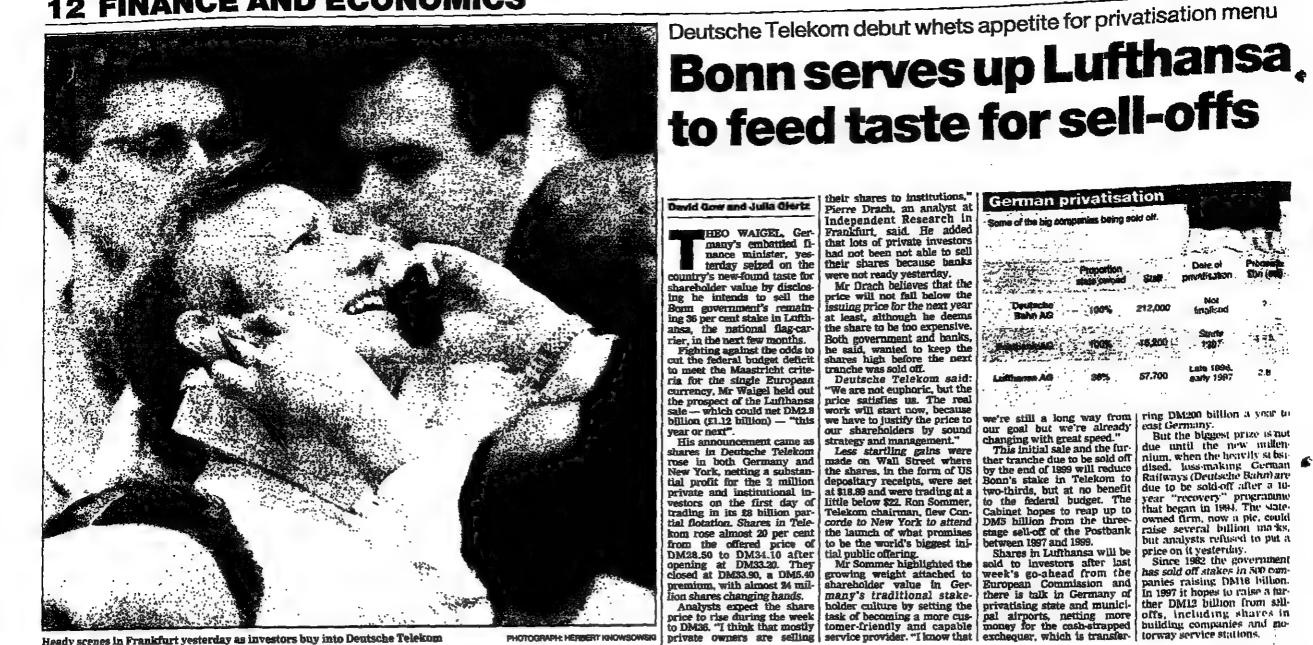
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eady scenes in Frankfurt yesterday as investors buy into Deutsche Telekom

Migraine drug breakthrough boost to biotechnology firm

Tony May

RITAIN'S fledgling biotechnology sector received a boost vesterday as shares of the Vanguard Medica Group rose 12 per cent to 567p on news that a new anti-migraine drug it is developing had moved closer to a multi-billion-dollar pay-

Vanguard — which raised £48.5 million from a sensa-tional stock market launch in May, when its shares jumped nearly 🕾 in their first day of trading — is one of a number of companies vying to develop

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move to final testing of the drug, named VML 251, added more than £14 million to its Vanguard Medica Group

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stock market value. Share price, pan Robert Mansfield, chief ex-ecutive, said the company expected to submit the drug for 600 regulatory approval at the be-ginning of 1999 and would then see what the powerful 560 US Food and Drug Administration thought of it. He said SmithKline Bec-

cham, the group's corporate partner, which is paying to develop the drug, "has con-480 firmed its intention to take up 440 the worldwide marketing of the compound". Some 6 per cent of men and

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its anti-migraine compour Imigran. In a separate development

Celsis, a biotechnology com pany developing hygiene and microbial detection equipment, said yesterday that it was moving closer to profitability.

Mark Clement, the finance director, said the group was "on a roll", with revenues improving sharply and losse reduced in the first half of the rear to £2.7 million.

Mr Clement said the group had already passed the invest-ment phase and was ahead of the pack in the biotechnology sector because it was market tts proc

Thorn is not too proud to scoop up crumbs from the poor man's table

OUTLOOK/Post-divorce life might not win French approval, but it does make money. ROGER COWE reports

CHORN of EMI, Thorn | terday, continuing the de Smight well be distaste-ful, but it is definitely cline since demerger. The rental business was not ne elected during the conglomprofitable. The company was once a successful manerate years, despite the many other issues clamour-ing for attention within Thoru-EMI. ufacturer of electrical equipment — from light bulks to hi-tech gadgetry. Then it fell into an ill-starred merger with EML, which ended earlier this

private owners are selling

In an attempt to interna-tionalise, despite the grim experience of its main rival year, but not before partici-Granada with efforts to pating rather too enthusi-astically in the decline of move abroad, the US busi-Rent-a-C

counted for about as much profit as Britain, but the US business has also contrib-uted the new ideas which have attracted controversy on both sides of the Atlan-

Thorn's attempt to trans fer the much-criticised Crazy George's inner city store concept to France ended (temporarily, Thorn says) after four hours on the Saturday before last. The French authorities complained that Thorn's at-tempts to explain its rent-

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with the cash price. to-own-contract were inadequate, and gave people the impression that for just a

The problem is not in the principle, however, but in the price. And Thorn is accused of charging exces-

sum is much more than the basic cash price. That this has caused outrage in France as well as in the Us might seem curious, sinc-It is a familiar phenome-non, which used to be

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increasing reve Sales in the first half were

Britain's manufacturing hace Now Thorn rents out the

equipment it used to make, and makes nothing except profits. The first six months' profits, reported Our 3-in-1 healthcare plan

yesterday, are substan-tially down, but behind that drop is a growing busi-ness with the poor and dis-advantaged, which some claim amounts to usury. The newly independent bosiness is based on Radio Rentals. For years the chain has rumbled along away from the glare of publicity, which was more likely to fall on EMI's latest star pop group or on the less successful retail chain, Rumbelows, which finally closed two years ago. That closure has now come back to haunt Thorn. explaining the drop in

WOGHL. Rumbelows' shops were sold to the German com-puter chain Escon. which promptly went bust. Now the premises have reverted to Thorn it has had to take a charge of £33 million, wiping out a 10 per cent rise in operating profit in the first half of the year. Along with cautious com-ments on next year's pros-pects, that helped drive down the share price yes-

QC says power boss used inside News in brief information to buy shares

ment boosted the value of electricity company shares, she added, and Seeboard Dan Atlânson ORMER Eastern Electric-ity director Douglas Swin-len used inside information Stock rose 100p in a month. Dr Swinden, of Constitution about a U-turn on price regulation to buy shares in another power company, the Crown alleged yesterday. Dr Swinden, a 53-year-old metailurgist who served as strategy director at Eastern, had sight of a letter from industry regulator Professor phen Littlechild in 1994 in which he proposed to soften what had originally been a tough programme of price cuts to benefit the consumer. Sharesbrook crown court. ast London, was told These proposals, said Clare Montgomery QC, prosecuting, were to remain under wraps

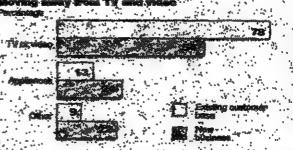
tres in the southern Seeboard company on August 1. "Dr Swinden was in a priviegy director of Eastern Group, the owner of Eastern Electricleged position compared to anyone else who was thinking about buying shares. He knew there was good news around the corner and bought those

TV, fridge or dining table. In reality, the few francs have to be paid over and quired, as well as operations in Scandinavia. In the six months just finished, the Americas ac- over again until the total

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aive interest to poor people. In the US it has faced a series of court cases, state by state, with critics arguing that these deals should be regulated in the same way as straightforward credit. Thorn has won most of them, on the grounds that it offers more than finance, giving customers the option of returning the goods to end the contract, and other services.

Thorn chief executive Mike Metcalf argued yes-terday that the proof of the pudding was in the eating, with surveys showing great customer satisfaction. Mr Metcalf can point to the lack of outrage at the expansion of Crazy George's in Britain, although that might say more about the effect of 17 years of Conservative government.

Meanwhile he is clearly relishing the high profile that demerger and Crazy George's has brought. As part of a move to broaden the product base, he is thinking of becoming a used car salesman, on the grounds that Thorn's expertise in managing financial relationships could be applied to that dismai

What would the French think of that?



LABOUR today throws its weight behind the demand for employment rights for Britain's one million homeworkers. It backs the launch of a charter aimed at ending the legal loophole which classifies the vast majority as self-employed.

The Homeworkers' Employment Charter, drawn up by the National Group on Homeworking, argues that the definition of most homeworkers as individual sub-contractors instead of employees denies them basic rights, such as protection from unfair dismissal, sick pay and maternity leave. The NGH wants a statutory definition of self-employment, a shift in the burden of proof to employers, an enforcement agency, and social security and taxation reforms. -- Seumos Milne

Pearson eyes South Africa

PEARSON, the media and entertainment group, admitted it was PEARSON, the media and entertainment group, summed it was in negotiations to buy a stake in two South African newspapers — Business Day and the weekly Financial Mail. There has been speculation that Pearson was interested in a deal with Times Media, which owns the titles, but the British group said discus-sions were still at a "deeply early" stage. — Liso Buckingham

Sumitomo forecasts first loss

SUMITOMO will report its half-year earnings today amid contin-ued fallout from its disclosure of a \$2.6 billion (£1.625 billion) loss on illicit copper trading. The Japanese trading company esti-mates it will report a pro-tax loss of 150 billion yen (£31 million) marketing in 1967. Castern has since been acquired by Hanson and Dr Swinden left the group shortly after the takeover was shortly after the takeover was expects a net loss of 217 billion yen - Bloomberg

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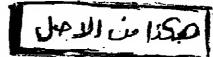
ity, having worked for the East Midlands Electricity Board. He joined Eastern as director of marketing in 1987. Eastern has

shares when he should not have, said Mrs Montgomery. Prof Littlechild's announce completed. The case continues.

Hill, Ipswich, denies two charges of insider dealing. The Department of Trade and industry says Dr Swin-den bought the shares as a result of his awareness of in formation contained in a letter dated July 24 from Prof Littlechild to the chief executive of Eastern. This information allegedly related to "issues of securities", namely

the regional electricity com-panies. Seeboard, it says, was one of the "price-affected securities" Dr Swinden was given the letter setting out the new pro-

posals and on July 29, 1994, the board of Eastern Electricity accepted the deal, said the



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teenagers in the Academy side, Dominic Thornley, Brad Haddin and Don Nash, none of whom has yet played a first-class game. But Marsh said: "If he keeps playing his abots like that he won't go far

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West Indies crash as Warne gains Test call-up

WEST INDIES suffered a worrying 10-wicket de-feat in their final warm-up further cause for concern. match before the first Test against Australia, starting in Brisbane on Friday. And the return of Shane Warne, selected yesterday in the first innings of 544 for four the return of Shane Warne, selected yesterday in the first innings of 544 for four

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Racing

Jockey Club give warning to the fixers

Graham Rock

HE Jockey Club has strengthened its hand in dealing with owners, trainers, jockeys and stable lads who regularly associate with criminals, an activity which contravense the Parler which contravenes the Rules of Racing. Over the past lew years the

Club's security department has recruited and operated inhas recruited and operated in-formants who have reported details of those who seem to find it more convenient to ar-range the results of races be-fore the borses have left the evention stalls.

starting stalls. A small minority infringes the regulations and the Li-censing Committee has been given powers to warn for-mally individuals known to have been associating with criminals or with bookmakers of dubious reputation. In the first instance a warn-

ing will be considered appro-priate but persistent offend-ers would be liable to have their licences withdrawn. Warnings would normally

be given when the licence was renewed. If ignored, the com-mittee could convene a hear-ing at which the defendant could be legally represented. "Even though there may not be sufficient evidence to indicate that a breach of the

rules has taken place or has been planned, the Jockey Club would not be acting in racing's best interests if such situations were ignored," said spokesman David Pipe. Recently two apprentices, Robert Havlin and Fergus Lynch, were warned that their behaviour had been unacceptable and the new guidelines were issued to strengthen the Club's control

licences.

Charls Robarts, a punter owed almost £12,000 by SP Racing, took the bookmaker before Tattersall's Committee yesterday when, after listen-ing to some of the evidence, the members adjourned the hearing until December 17.

Sonny Purcell atended the meeting on behalf of SP Racing. He told the committee that he was not a director of the company, that other indi-viduals were involved and that he was not liable for the debt.

At an earlier meeting with the punter, Purcell had agreed to repay the debt at 2500 a week. On the day that the first instalment was due he received notice from Tattersal's that he was required to explain why he had not settled, and he cancelled the arrangement.

"I'm a honorable man, I'm "I'm a honorable man, I'm very confident of this and that's why I'll be coming back. I want it opened out and investigated," Purcell said. SP Racing, launched last year, was attractive to punt-ers because it offered favour-

ers because it onered lavour-able rates of deductions for betting dury. SP Racing no longer has the facility to offer bets to punt-ers using Switch and Deita because Barclays Bank has withdrawn facilities. The company owns two betting shops, in Harrow and in Cheltenham, which are still

trading. Robarts was required to lodge a non-refundable de-posit of £750 calculated on a sliding scale, with Tattersall's Committee in order to pursue

arbitration. Michael Singer, of the National Association for the protection of Punters, said it as "an abomination" that his over those who abuse their members had to pay in order to receive justice.

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Martin Thorpe

NGLAND's most high-profile sporting export to Australia since Harold Larwood and Tony Greig is ex-

pected to set sall for football's new world today. Terry Venables held further talks yesterday with the chairman of the Australian FA. David Hill, and barring a ast-minute hitch will take up the £300,000-a-year post as their national coach with the brief of qualifying the team for the 1998 World Cup finals. The former England coach.

who resigned after plotting the downfall of Scotland, Spain and Holland in Euro 96, will need to turn his attentions to the likes of Tonga and Vestern Samoa as he seeks to pilot Australia through the Oceania group to meet an Asian qualifier for a place in the last 32.

Venables will be joining at a time when television magnates and ambitious administrators are intent on pushing Australia into the top echelon world football

He had hoped to announce the move yesterday but a number of "private" matters needed ironing out before Hill could return down under with Venables's signature in his bag.

The salary is 30 per cent more than he received as England coach but requires him to spend only four months a year in Australia. The rest of the time he will check on the 100 or so Australian players

performing overseas. Portsmouth yesterday confirmed that Venables will also be staying as their director of football, so his journey from Pompey to Pom gives him the utive level in the Australian best of both worlds.

game, high-powered TV men, big thinkers who are doing a Venables has already consulted the former coach Eddie fantastic job. Terry can be the Thomson, who is leaving for catalyst."

Uefa Cup, third round: Metz v Newcastle

Shearer keeps options open

lapan, and admitted: "My knowledge is not as up-to-date as Eddie's but I've spoken to him and he has been very helpful. Australia are a country who want to get in-volved big-time in world Australian opinion on Ven-ables has been as divided as it is in England. The former national goalkeeper Jack Reilly said the appointment would be a disgrace and a "slap in the face" for all those involved in the local game. able, an absolute farce. He knows nothing about Australian conditions (and) knows little or nothing about our overseas and local players." The former Australia de-David Ratcliffe ques-Venables's coaching record. "There are Dutch, Germans and South Americans who have just as good. if not better, credentials than Venables," said Ratcliffe, the coach of Sydney UTS Olympic But the departing Thomson praised the governing body for targeting Venables. "Terry is a great guy and will do wonders for the game. I'm positive he will get us to the World Cup." Aston Villa's Australia goalkeeper Mark Bosnich is probably second division when it comes to international football but Terry Ven-ables could change all that. His presence will raise the profile of the game back Jack Charlton did for the Irish," said the Australian.

Owl trap . . . Wednesday's Newsome is sandwiched between Forest's Jerkan and Phillips

Old Lady has spring in her step again

Paddy Agnew says Juventus are coming to the boil nicely for tomorrow's Champions League Group C match at Old Trafford

soccer for over an hour, giv- | guese midfielder Paulo Sousa ing very little away to our (to Borussia Dortmund) and still keep the Juventus ship

WICHAEL KNIGHTON, the chairman and chief opponents." For the past month, how-not just afloat but skimming ever: Lippi's satisfaction has along with a full sall. This season's Juventus new the club at the end of the sea boys, the Croatian striker son after a row with a local Alen Boksic (from Lazio), newspaper over a story about French midfielder Zinedlne his experience with a UFO at Zidane (Bordeaux) and Uru- an M62 filling station in 1977. guavan defender Paolo Mon-The front-page headline of Saturday's Carlisle News and tero (Atalanta), have done more than well. Star read: "Knighton: Aliens Spoke To Me". The story told Boksic exasperated Lazio supporters for three seasons how at a meeting of UFO enherause of his failure to score thusiasts in Carlisle last goals but the Roman fans for-Thursday the millionaire de-scribed a "glowing disc" in got just how many goals the the sky and a voice saying: "Michael, don't be afraid." Croat sets up with his powerful wide runs. After the inevitable initial Knighton said the report Italian stutters, Zidane has formed such an effective cepwas the final straw in a "negative campaign" against him. "When the relationship has tral midfield partnership with his compatrict Didier Desdeteriorated to this level it's champs that the gifted Italian time to call it a day." However, last night the paper printed an open letter on its front page which made playmaker Alessandro Del Piero is facing stiff competi-tion for his place, especially as the formation has switched from 4-3-3 to 4-4-2 with the Serb Vladimir Jugovic and Angelo Di Livio on the flanks. Watch out for all of the above on what could be another uncomfortable European night for Manchester United at Old Trafford.

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Premiership: Sheffield Wednesday 2 Nottingham Forest 0

Forest left rooted to the bottom

Jan Ross

HE prospect of Notting-ham Forest surrendering their place among the elite after only three sea-sons cannot now be discounted. Not since the camaign's opening day have they tasted the seemingly forbidden fruit of success in the Premiership and even at this admittedly early stage the omens could hardly be said to

he encouraging. Sheffleld's relief was almost tangible. This was their first league win in 10 weeks. It was narrow, but well merited and rounded off in some style five minutes before the final whis-tle by the Italian import Benito Carbone who drove in a splendid shot from 20 yards, his first for the club.

In geographical terms this was something of a local derby but, sadly, one which no one seemed particularly interested in. On a night when winter saw fit to an-nounce its arrival, Hillsborough was barely a third full, a stark reminder that a disillusioned supporter with Christmas on his mind can be a most fickle animal.

Those whose sense of loy-alty faded as the temperature plunged missed a robust duel, one which, perhaps surpris-ingly, was sustained throughout by some purposeful and intelligent football. Not that Forest had much to do with that. These are hard

and depressing times at the City Ground. However, gainst a backdrop of dramatically reduced expectations moves are afoot to remedy the situation Frank Clark's sense of desperation is now so acute that

the manager is willing to further enrage an impatient sup-port by sailing off the family silver.

PHOTOGRAPH: MARK THOMPSON miership clubs have already

been contacted and asked if they would care to lodge bids for Forest's senior players, the inference being that every member of Clark's rather shallow senior pixel is available for transfer if the price is

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right, Money has to be raised and quickly. Yesterday lunchtime the man who would be saviour, the local businessmi Grant Bovey, announced he was withdrawing his offer of a takeover and with debts of around £16 million Forest are hardly an attractive proposi tion. Unfortunately, not all their problems are of a fiscal

Wednesday opened brightly, got stronger and would have built a potentially decisive advantage inside 15 minutes but for Crossley's collocating and their own coalkeeping and their own

wretched marksmanship. Crossley's athleticism de nied both Newsome and Pembridge but even he was a more spectator when Hyde charged through the centre only to drive carelessly wide when scoring appeared to be an easier option

Wednesday's football was by some distance the neater but their insistence on charnelling their efforts down the right flank was confusing and served to dramatically reduce the level of their overall

effectiveness. Chances continued to fall Wednesday's way and with 27 minutes remaining a tangible reward was finally theirs. Carbone's rather over-hit corner was returned into the penalty area by Newsome and after the ball had evaded countless outstretched legs Orlando Trustfull stepped for ward to steer in a low shot.

Shottlaid Wednesdeyr Presanan; Atharion, Newfors, Waiker, Nolan, Garbons, Hyde, Trustruil, Pembridge, Both, Binker, Rethustans, Ferest Crossley: Lyttle, Cooper, Bintherwick, Peerce, Haaland, Jerkan, Pallips, Woan, Saunders Gargbal, Referens S Gam (Bristol).

UFO puts the

spotlight on

Knighton

Michael Walker on a striking

mystery in Metz

HE cables buzzed and the telephones hummed: the word was out all over Alsace-Lorraine and the word was Shearer. As the world's most expensive footballer descended the steps at Metz airport yesterday he was greeted on the runway by French reporters desperate to know if he would be in the team tonight.

They probably received one be plays a role in a top team Alan Shearer's stock Dal-show. That's what will imof Alan Shearer's stock Dal-glishisnus — "If I play I play, if I don't I don't " — although he had been more forthcoming before take-off. "The reason I'm going over is to train. Just because Les [Ferdinandi has got injured doesn'i mean I heal quicker."

Shearer, however, did not rule out the possibility that he might see some action barely one month after surgery on his groin. "You'll have to ask the physic and the numager about that. I'll be surprised if I play, I'll do well year-old to play on Saturday.

Kevin Keegan gave an emphatic no to questions about Shearer starting but the Newcastle manager may find some intimidatory value in

having him on the bench. With Ferdinand not travelling. Paul Kitson, who could not even make the substitutes' bonch against West Ham, could be in for a recall. Alteradvance David Ginola, and the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the team has advance David Ginola, and the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the years are the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the team has a defender or midfielder and the years are the yea advance David Ginola alongside Faustino Asprilla.

This game, and the return prised by the thick snow fall-ley, are fast assuming defin- ing softly on Metz last night.

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ing significance for Ginola. who is desperate to regain a place in the French national squad. This is an opportunity to convince both Aimé Jacquet, the France manager, and Joe Publique that he is a man rejuvenated Keegan, though firmly be-

the press room. Roberto Baggio, distin-guished Juventus old boy and hind his man, showed a touch of concern. "David's very dis-Little Prince of Serie A, had appointed about being out of the French team and now has just played a more than useful role in an excellent Milan perthe chance to press his claims. But he must make formance, but especially praised his former team, saysure he doesn't try to make it ing: "Id say that Juventus a one-man show. He has be come part of the overall patstill has that bit extra over tern and he must make sure

this Milan side." Certainly Manchester United probably do not need reminding of the Zebras' pedipress people, including the people who matter." gree. As they prepare to face Juventus in their Champions Jacquet matters very much to Ginola but not to the point League Group C tie at Old Trafford tomorrow night,

where the Newcastle winger is prepared, in his words, "to United are probably only too willing to believe that Juven-tus are the strongest side in go round to his house, get down on one knee outside his Italy this season. The mem-ory of the comprehensive 1-0

front door and beg". Doubly galling for Ginola is that Metz's dashing young star Robert Pires is widely defeat Alex Ferguson's team suffered in the first encounter perceived as his replacement. Jacquet apparently sees "more potential" in the 23-Results *********************************

Ginola is mature enough to Soccer

recognise his rival's talents, although he added: "He's FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP young, and in France espe Sheff Wed (0) 2 Notize Forest (0) 0 Trustlyll 53 16,390 cially we talk too much about Carbone 85

young players and put pres-sure on too early. Maybe Eric ICIS LEAGURE P Red 1. Durwich 1. UNIBOND LEAGUE Pression pometa Hyde Utd v Styth Sportans Second roamd: Ashton Utd 0, Guis AVOR INSURANCE COMBIN/ tans. Cap Guisley 2. [Cantonal and me are too old. maybe the personalities are too big." Tonight is certainly big for CUP: Luton 3. Norwich 0.

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INUTES after Ju- | in Turin in September is all | game. Indeed, that is the too painfully vivid. ventus had drawn 0-0 at home to United fans looking to Ju-Milan in a pulsatventus's record of the past month for comfort should also ing, rain-soaked league enbeware. The European chamcounter on Sunday night, the pions may currently be only most famous ponytail in Itallan soccer made his way into third in Serie A, two points behind the leaders Internazionale, and they may have won only three out of 10 league, Italian Cup and Champions League games in the past month, but as Milan

discovered on Sunday night, when the chips are down Juventus produce the goods. When Inter beat them 3-0 in the first leg of the Italian Cup

weeks earlier in a league

valla 64 and 296 (G Parker 112: Harvey 7-44) Victoria 345-9 dec and 35-1. Vic-tona won by nine wickets. Partis Tasma-nia 473-6 dec and 252-4 dec (J Cos 116). Wessern Australia 328-4 dec (J Langer 143no, T Moody 144) and 258, Tasmania won by 141 runs. Supersystemst settings (Genebartay: Gri-qualiand Wesi 327 and 214 (R Koster 74; Exsteen 4-72). Transvasi 440-8 dec and 194-4 dec (A Bacher 1120c). Transvasi won by 53 runs.

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quarter-finals in Turin last Wednesday, scribes could have been forgiven for resorting to the word "crisis". In the realpolitik of the Italian game and Juventus thinking, however, that defeat was a

it again, positively beaming after his side's epic tussle matter of only relative importance. Of far more significance was the thorough 2-0 drub-bing Juventus had administered to Inter in Turin three

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Squash

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ever, Lippi's satisfaction has probably been induced by his point: Juventus are still alive belief that he and the club president. Roberto Bettega and well in the competitions have pulled off a massive that interest them, namely the Champions League and gambl They have managed to sell the Italian title race.

off three of their most impor-In the next week, Juventus tant players of recent seasons play two games which inter-Gianiuca Vialli (to Chelsea) Fabrizio Ravanelli (to Mid est them greatly. The first is tomorrow night, the second next Tuesday in Tokyo when dlesbrough) and the Portuthey face the South American

champions, River Plate of Argentina, in the Intercontinental Cup final. The Old Lady of Italian soccer is certain to put her best foot forward on both For the past month the Juventus coach Marcello Lippi has been confounding pundits by consistently expressing satisfaction with the way his side has been playing. On Sunday night he was at with Milan and saying: "I'm very satisfied with the way Juventus played; we came back [from the defeat by Inter] well, we played good Zidane ... French polish

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Rugby Union

TV cash can tempt clubs back into fold

Robert Armstrong

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NGLAND's leading clubs may shortly se-cure a bigger long-term money guaran-tee which could help resolve their nine-month dispute with the Rushy Football with the Rugby Football Union.

If Twickenham proceeds with a plan to make a fresh approach to BSkyB, with which it has signed a five-year, £87.5 million contract, the money it has carmarked for the clubs could be substantially increased through a restructured financial package.

Today the RFU will brief International Board representa-tives at a meeting in London

rica. Mains said in a televi-

sion interview that a South African waitress, "Sosie", was paid to poison the team on the eve of the final, won

He said he had discovered

by South Africa 15-12.

Mains claims waitress spiked

All Blacks drinks before final

Meanwhile the Argentin-ians, on their arrival in London yesterday, promptly of-fered to shorten their sevenmatch to shorten uper seven-match tour to save the RFU the embarrassment of putting out under-strength divisional sides because of Epruc's ban on the participation of play-ers from Leagues One and Two Two.

Epruc's withdrawal of the top players after it had ini-tially promised to release them for divisional games against Argentina, South Af-rica A, Queensland and the New Zealand Barbarians was condemned by the Netional English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Ltd greater au-tonomy in organising compe-condemned by the National

titions and negotiating | Clubs Association, which titions and negotiating sponsorships. The Clubs, who are understandably reluctant to sign a five-year deal wifh the RFU that currently guar-antees them money for only three years, will hold a meet-ing this week to discuss their next moves. NCA secretary. The NCA has been forced to find alternative venues to

stage divisional fixtures after clubs such as Bath and Gloucester ruled their own grounds out of bounds. And grounds out of bounds. And although the North include-eight players from League One Sale for tomorrow's game against Queensland in Hud-dersfield, the London side for iomorrow's game against the Argentinians at Twickenham will be drawn substantially from Havant and Poseign

from Havant and Rosslyn Park, and the South-West, who play Argentina in Bristol next Sunday, will rely mainly on Exeter and Newbury. London will be led by Sale's England squad lock John

Fowler. He is paired in the second row with Park's Ian Campbell-Lamerton, whose father Mike led the 1966

• Jason Leonard will mark his 50th cap against Italy on Saturday by becoming Eng-land's vice-captain. Ben Clarke missed training at Bisham Abbey yesterday; if he does not recover from the dead-leg that has troubled him for a week, Chris Sheasby will make his Eng-land debut in the back row.

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Tennis Last bow for Gaby

Chris Bowers in New York

HE elite 16-woman tour nament that closes the season, known this year as the Chase Championships, began last night in Madison Square Garden with a tribute to the 1990 US Open champion Gabriela Sabatini.

The organisers had no doubt already offered their slient tributes to Steffi Graf, who hours earlier confirmed she would be playing here de spite her sorely aching back. Sabatini announced her retirement three weeks ago but the Corel WTA Tour decided to make a big deal out of it here as the 26-year-old Argentinian is - was - one of its brightest marketing attractions, even though she has not done well enough lately to qualify to play. The Japanese Kimiko Date, another regular in the women's top 10, is also retiring at the end of the year at the age of 26 but there is no glamour send-off for her. Instead the former world No. 4, three times a Grand Slam semi-final-ist, has a first-round match gainst Monica Seles tonight. But then Date never had a perfume named after her, or a rose. Sabatini did, although she ceased to be a factor in world tennis a couple of years ago and became a pale shadow of the player who stormed to the US title as a 20-year-old, having announced herself two years earlier by taking this event in its Vir-ginia Slims incarnation.

The key to her Flushing Meadow title was the canny Brazilian Carlos Kirmayr, a former touring professional who recognised in her the potential of an all-court player. He encouraged her to go to the net and it was her attacking game which saw her beat Graf in straight sets in the 1990 final.

Ten months later she should have won a second Grand Slam title when she looked the genuine article on the fast grass of Wimbledon. But she never really seemed hungry enough and a more determined Graf took the title 9-7 in the final set.

A year later Sabatini split with Kirmayr, and despite a succession of new coaches she never rediscovered that form, ough the en

AURIE MAINS, the for-mer New Zealand coach, has repeated his claim that the All Blacks were poil soned before last year's World Cup final against the Springboks in South Af-the All wine said is a claim the all add dinking freshly after arriving late for a meal and drinking freshly made tes or coffee. Bristol have signed the France A back-row forward Said Fiali. The 27-year-old former Begles and Narbonne player is expected to make his debut against from two sources that the Bridgend in the Anglo-team's tea and coffee had Weish Cup next Tnesday.

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Boxing

Lewis wants Wembley

Jack Massarik

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OOKING and sounding like a soul music super-like a soul music super-demand, Lennox Lewis was telling everyone yesterday how great it was to be back in England and that when he became the first Briton to regain the world heavyweight title he planned to do it in front of his English fans.

"This will be another great first for Lennox," said his

"Til beat him. I don't know if Til knock him out but Til cer-tainly be trying" — the jock-eying for position will begin again. Mike Tyson has been want to win it back here". There is no reason why not after last week's famous US court victory over Don King by Maloney and his backer Panos Eliades, who held yes-terday's press conference at the Law Society, only a gavexposed as a mere mortal after losing to Evander Holy-field, who could now surren-der the WBA belt and retire. Lewis must hope not. "Tm el's throw from the Law Courts in the Strand. Having won full costs from King, given leave to sue him "for tens of millions" in a US come after me." civil suit, and been awarded

the only top fighter he hasn't faced. If I know his ego he'li Then there are Michael his forfeited deposit of Moorer (the IBF champion)

High tee in the mountains and a caddie filled with bags

David Davies visits Japan's first golf course, just a sedan-chair ride from Kobe extended to nine and now 18, modern equipment it requires with a par of 61. The course, naturally, is hilly, with spectacular views over the port area. The golfer balls, four would have been a

of visitors' begs, one of the many quirks of golf in Japan



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Richard Williams

A PASSIONE, Chris Rea's endearing film about why people love Perraris, had its pre-miere at the London Film Featival last week. People who love Ferraris will be looking forward to its commercial release, for Ferrari-worship is

the most identifiable strain of contemporary motor racing fandom Try to imagine a grand prix season without the prancing-horse flags, the banners, the

incontinent joy and existen-tial gloom that accompany the fluctuating fortunes of the red cars from Modena. These things transcend age and na-tionality, and Rea's film invest tigates why this should be so. It begins with his very own Rosebud: a tiny model Ferrari, a Dinky Toy from the 1950s,

cupped in a small boy's hand. But there was a time when Ferrari was not even the most romantic name in Modena, never mind in the entire world of motor racing. Curiously, La Passione had its premiere on a pivotal day for the legacy of Maserati, a name which once went with Ferrari as Fellini

don garage. By the end of the week they will be back in Mo-dens where they belong.

Safety Council, said: "It is very sick that the ABA should extend boxing in this way on the very weekend that an-other fighter dies. Public Brooks, the specialist auc-tioneer, was to have put them. ACK in Modena, the cars that bore their name maintained a It's good news for the sport," she said. "If it was about ammunition to its critics. The death of the middle-weight De Chiara, aged 25, after he collapsed in the final round of an Italian title fight, OXING faced been one of boxing's highest-renewed criticism profile defenders. on two fronts yes-terday as it was revealed, on the day Boxing Board of Control. opinion wants less violence in up for sale in London in early when I first started I wouldn't our schools. The only out-come of allowing 10-year-olds design integrity that have had to just get into ring with no experience." December, acting for a comoften evaded Ferrari, and pany representing the inter-ests of the ailing Alessandro in the ring will be more fights were winning races in the hands of Fangio and Moss helied the debai **TUG TO** Boxing Board of Control, European lightweight cham-pion Sue Atkins, aged 35, who de Tomaso, an Argentinian revealed, on the day Doctors at a hospital in Pisa But the economic situation if women wear breast protec wheeler-dealer who bought the bankrupt Maserati comsaid: 'Tm terribly concerned about this. I don't think that another male fighter turned off his life-support mators, they would have to be was always marginal, and a I'm concerned. died, that women and girls now coaches women and girls chine, confirming that he was disastrous trip to South Amermade of steel to stop bruising pany for practically nothing enough is known about the aged 10 and over will be brain dead. He was previaged 14 upwards, gave a cau-tious welcome. "I think it's ica in 1957 saw four of the potential risks to women for occurring. We also need to I don't think from the Italian government in the 1970s and sold it to Flat allowed to fight as amateurs tious welcome. unbeaten in 12 profesteam's sports cars destroyed in a single race, a catastrophe know much more about what such a decision to be made good. I wouldn't knock it, but for the first time. know much more about what is happening during the period, when the woman is shedding blood, making her more anaemic. And she could sional fights, The coincidence of the an-Blows around the breast or enough is known three years ago. The collec-Nevertheless Britain's I don't think we are now on from which Maserati never chest can induce bruising, and the nodule which is crenouncement from the Ama our way," she said. "As far as I'm concerned the tion includes two exotically women boxers celebrated the opening up of their sport at grassroots level. For the first about potential really recovered. teur Boxing Association of England and the death of the named cars associated with Stirling Moss, the unique "Eldorado Special" in which he was almost killed on the Orsi and his successors lacked the barsh ambition and ated is difficult to distinguish sport will make far bigger ad-vances if Sky keeps showing be boxing without even realis-Italian Fabrizio De Chiara from cancer. 'No one is saying it inrisks to women time in the ABA's 116-year ing she is pregnant." Criticism also came from political cunning of an Enzo provoked a furious reaction women's fights from America history, women and girls are now allowed to spar at amafrom campaigners against the creases the chances of cancer Ferrari, and the firm gradu-- Dr Whiteson Monza banking in 1957, and a and Germany, which it has been doing." Two of Mike Tymore expected quarters. Dr Bill O'Neill, of the British 1960 sports car known as the "Birdcage" because of the inally faded from the racing but no surgeon is going to say teur gyms and will be able to fight competitively from next 'Carry on'; he's going to scene. Fiat's involvement en But among the voices son's most recent bouts have raised in concern about remove the lump." women's new rights to fight Dr Whiteson, who advises was a medical expert who has the BBBC — which governs Medical Association, which sures that it will never be tricacy of its chassis frame. has been campaigning for boxing to be banned, said: "I in the playground and more October. Previously any of featured women's fights on Mystifyingly, Fiat refused to buy the collection along back, since the conglomerate children getting hurt." them wanting to hit anything the undercard. already subsidises one grand She added: "Now I'm wait-Even the ABA was split on the issue, voting 10-4 for the more than a punchball had to turn professional and box am very unhappy to hear this prix team. But there are some of us for whom the legend ing to hear from the BBBC and hope they also change the with the company three years news. It is as dangerous for women as it is for men, possiago. Yet when Brooks's press releases had gone out and the decision with three abstenunder the banner of the retains a special poetry, and for whom the Rosebud, the rules so we can have women fighting on the same bill as tions. Among those opposed was its medical expert Dr Roy Women's International Boxbly more dangerous, we just atalogues had been printed, MORSE ing Federation. don't know.' the pasta began to fly as an almighty row erupted in Italy. battered little Dinky Toy, is One who did, the welter-weight Jane Couch, aged 28, Jim Brett, the deputy direc. Axon, although according to tor general of the British the ABA chairman Commen in this country like they called Maserati do elsewhere." **Guardian Crossword No 20,814 Banned Giddins signs** It's a Computer. Set by Chifonie for Warwickshire (But not as we know it). Giddins's playing alterna-tives are limited by the "I was antious to sign quickly for a new county to keep my mind in focus," he said. "My ambition to repre-sent England is as strong as ever and I hope that when my han gruines the David Hopps TCCB's insistence that the ban should cover all forms of D GIDDINS's first steps first-class cricket worldwide. Warwickshire anticipate Do towards rehabilitation after testing positive for cocaine were completed yes-terday when the England A when my ban expires the authorities do not hold it against me. I will have sarved ction to their proposal to pay him a midweek retainer next season to attend net ses-sions, and Giddins plans also fast bowler agreed a three-year contract with my punish CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,813 to play league cricket in the Warwickshire. Giddins, who 10 days ago 7 Mocking behaviour in a south Having dealt so pitilessly with Giddins, Susser's at novel (3.9) lost his appeal against a 19-month han imposed by the 10 Wants a means of transport for a gesture of protest (6,6) tempts to stanch an outflow of Test and County Cricket Board, had received ap-proaches from more than half players by dismissing Alan Wells as captain showed their 15 See a ghost and it will change your appearance (3,6) This is a JavaStation. It's a thin client first signs of failure yesterday when Surrey completed the 17 Forgive a blackguard initially getting crack (7) the first-class counties since - the kind of machine that visionary when Surrey completed signing of Ian Salisbury. he was summarily sacked by companies like Sun Microsystems Sussez in the summer signing of ian Salisbury. The leg-spinner anticipates that the harder, drier pitches at The Oval, allied to one of the largest outfields in the country, will help him to revive his England career. He will be particularly eager to improve a first-class bowling auerage which still howard 18 A more portable vessel (7) Warwickshire's chief execbelieve represents the future of 19 Some get close without the utive Dennis Amiss described him yesterday as "an England corporate desktop computing, presence of a spouse (7) player of the future", and that 20 Bird in lake finding a new It has no disk. It has no conventional is an ambition which the means of reducing the 23 Cherish hospital's shady Across player is determined to keep at the forefront of his mind operating system. It's designed to retreat (7) temperature (7) 1 Feeling poorly during 24 Report back about drink's 22 Fish smell loses its initial run pure Java, using applications escape at dusk (7,5) during his suspension next summer. He is free to resume character (5) clearing agent (7) worage which still hovers residing on your server. The benefits 8 Social climber mounted kition tomorrow over 30, his 479 first-class wickets having cost him 31.2. 25 Measure motorway during his career at the start of the Ernst's last two paintings (7) include higher reliability, better Giddins ... England ambition the night in the country (7) Stuck? Then call our solutions line on 0891 336 238. Galls cost 50p per minute Mon-Fri, 8am-8pm, and 45p 1998 season. 9 Disfigurement is the result security - and a significant decrease in 26 Be pessimistic about the of some terrible mishap (7) cost of ownership over traditional PCs. ather-frost is 11 Schoolteacher died instead per minute at all supplied by ATS nute at all other times. Service widespread (4,3,5) of a hoodium (7) Call for our JavaStation one-page 2 Pet seen struggling to take summary, and Network Computing Down an uptum (7) Even sicker is the 1986 record Selina Through and Java executive briefing. 1 Keep a barrel in a protective B Poor French commander The Windshield by the Len Bright Combo. Selina device or it can be melted (7) shelters journalist (5) 2 In one city in America, instal a drill plate without skill (7) 4 Endless crisis preceded the is a model for a hairspray firm. 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went with Antonioni As you read this, 19 historic Maseratis are in a south Lon-

million, by a syndicate apparently involving the city of Modena and a member of the Panini family, inventors of football stickers.

50 years ago. In the summer of 1936 the four Meserali Inothers — Alfieri, Ettore, Bindo and Ernesto — proudly unveiled their first car in Bolo-gna, posing for a photograph against the rough stone garage

But the brothers' business

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Sue Atkins, a former British and European lightweight champion who now coaches women over 14, gave the decision a cautious welcome Outcry over women in the ring

On the day another man dies of injuries suffered in a fight, female

arnateurs win the right to take part in the sport. Nick Varley reports

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These cars, it was said, were part of the heritage of Emilia-Romagna, a region of Italy where the sculptors work not in bronze but in abuninium. Eventually it was agreed that they should not be showed to fall piecemesi into the hands of private collectors and on Thursday a deal was struck

Thursday a deal was struck ensuring that the cars return to Modena, where a museum will be built to house them. They have been bought, for a sum said to be around \$1.5

Maserati was a magical name long before Enno Ferrari assembled his first car almost

wall with the craftsman who had helped them build it. Al-fleri drove the car in its first race, the gruelling Targa Florio over the Madonie mountains in Sicily, putting Maserati on the road to a glorious racing history in the hands of Nuvo-lari, Varzi, Taruffi and others.

sources orothers ourness acumen was not up to their engineering genius, and in 1937, five years after the pre-mature death of Alfleri, the company had to be rescued by an Italian industrialist Count an Italian industrialist, Count

